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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman, BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear Mr. Principi,

I know this letter is just one of many and I also know that it probably won't say anything much different than what most of the others express. But I am asking you to **please reconsider the placement of Cannon AFB on the closure list.**

Clovis and the surrounding area can offer so much to military members and their dependents. The cost of living is reasonably low, the wide-open spaces ideal for growth, the climate is healthy. The citizens of Clovis have, for many years, taken great pride in our military friends and the mission that CAFB has undertaken and accomplished so well. When observing the military installations on the closure list and the towns with which they are associated, it appears the rural areas are primarily being targeted. It is difficult for me to understand why we see a trend in this country of doing harm to smaller cities in order to benefit larger metroplexes with all the hazards associated with them. The economic impact that the closure of CAFB would bring to not only Clovis but eastern New Mexico and west Texas would be devastating.

Please take another look at the following things that are beneficial about Cannon AFB: **our optimum weather for flying, the proximity to an air-ground bombing range, low density commercial traffic, base facilities that have won awards time and time again and wonderful community support including a healthcare facility that has made huge improvements in the past couple of years to accommodate military members and their dependents.**

I ask you once again, please reconsider this matter and remove Cannon Air Force Base from the closure list. Please...please.

Sincerely,



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