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Dear Sir:

I was somewhat surprised to learn that Cannon AFB was selected for closure on the BRAC listing. I remember in the early nineties that the Air Force told my community that encroachment was the one factor that could endanger a base's longevity. Our community leaders listened to this advice and took the necessary steps to prevent population expansion around Cannon AFB. I look at a map of Arizona and notice that Luke and Davis-Monthan AFBs are completely encircled by the civilian populace. Is encroachment no longer a concern?

I believe the Department of Defense is making a huge mistake. Cannon AFB is in an area that is wide open and conducive to flying jet aircraft. I believe the Air Force failed to rate Cannon AFB fairly on some criteria.

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It is my understanding that no consideration was given to the proposed expansion of the training area around Cannon AFB.

I ask this commission to cut through the politics of the proposed closure list and give Cannon AFB a chance to stand on its merits. Once this has been done, I believe Cannon will be removed from the closure list.

Sincerely,

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