

Keep Cannon Air Force Base

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Dear BRAC Commission,

I am a 2nd grade teacher at James Elem in Portales, New Mexico. My students talked about the possibility of closing nearby Cannon AFB and the negative impact that would have on our small city. We have written you letters to try to convince you to keep CAFB open. We will lose families, friends, and the revenue that could be devastating to all nearby communities!

I was a small child living in Roswell, NM when Walker AFB was closed. My father was then serving in the Air Force. We were transferred to Wheeler AFB in Tripoli, Libya for 3 years. I can remember the difficult times my own family had because of the closing and the massive relocation of all the military families that were stationed in Roswell. My family later retired to Roswell and I know that Roswell did NOT recover from the financial devastation for over 20 years!!!

We enjoy the security of knowing our fine soldiers are nearby. We know our schools and businesses will also suffer tremendous loses. Communities of our size will not easily rebound from this decision. Any community would have a difficult time recovering.

Please reconsider your list and KEEP CANON AFB open!!

Sincerely,



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