General Sue Ellen Turner June 7, 2005

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Dear Madam,

The proposal to close Cannon Air Force Base near Clovis, N.M. is mindbaggling.

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The area has excellent weather for flying, unlimited air space and a welcoming civilian community. The bomb range near Melrose, NM is invaluable and proposals are being considered for expanding the super sonic flying area. There is no threat of encroachment by the city of Clovis as has happened in many other areas.

The area is home to many retirees and some of our in-town neighbors are active-duty Air Force. We came to Cannon in 1976 as active duty and chose to retire here because of the base facilities and

the friendly people.
Cannon is at the heart of this community and we think it would be a great disservice to our national security, the Air Force and the Clovis, NM area to close it.

Thank you,
Lillian McDonough
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