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To: BRAC commission
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Please reconsider the closing of Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico. Cannon has airspace with great year-round weather for flying conditions with the Melrose Bombing Range only seconds away. Once implemented, the NM Training Range Initiative allows supersonic flying. This alone should allow Cannon to remain open. Just this past year a lot of money has been spent on much needed renovations at the base. If Cannon is closed, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and parts of Arizona are more vulnerable to terrorist attacks. Along with these facts please consider the impact on the entire community. This wonderful community has just started to expend with new jobs opening up and employment plentiful for anyone who wants to work. If Cannon is closed, jobs will be lost, businesses will fail and many people now working will be forced onto welfare. The Government will buy homes vacated by military personnel who have loans with the VA. This will amount to millions of dollars. Many people are going to be forced into bankruptcy. Was all of this cost included in the supposedly savings for closing Cannon? I doubt it. I don't believe the long range effect on safety or economic development has been looked into. I don't believe the large geographic area left unprotected has even been considered. I respectfully ask the BRAC Commission to reconsider the closing of Cannon Air Force Base. I don't believe Cannon Air Force Base should ever be closed. I am of the firm opinion that our Government should do everything in its power to protect America and closing bases does the opposite by putting all at risk.

Thank you,



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