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Attention: 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission

Subject: Keep Cannon Open

Base/Installation/Facility: Cannon Air Force Base

State: New Mexico

Dear BRAC Commissioners:

We are writing regarding the Department of Defense's recommendation Cannon Air Force Base be closed.

We want to make you aware of our family's concerns about this before a final decision is made:

1. It is one base where pilots can make many bombing runs due to a large amount of close space and good weather year around (saves money, time, and adds more practice runs).
2. We have family members who are retired military and go there for medical services which will mean more travel and expense for older veterans.
3. We have family members who live in the Clovis area an who were previously stationed at Cannon. The financial impact it will have on the area would be devastating to this small community. It is a rural area that attracts little industry, so this will affect the small community more than if it were an urban area (businesses, public schools, colleges, etc.).
4. The surrounding area has been very supportive of Cannon (even donating land recently); please support it by taking Cannon Air Force Base off the closure list.
5. The supersonic air space could be expanded by the Air Force for future use by the military (the F-16 or other aircraft that could be used at this base).

Please come and visit Cannon and Clovis so you can see first-hand what Cannon does for our community, and how our community has supported Cannon Air Force Base.

Keep Cannon Open:

Gary + Linda Jones

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