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BRAC Commission  
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Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sirs:

My name is Brenda Aragon and I am a 15 year resident of Clovis, NM. I have come from a small town that I still visit occasionally. I have seen that town go through its "Boom" when I was young and is now ready to dry up and blow away. I know it won't be that extreme, but I don't want that to be the case for Clovis. Since I came to Clovis I have come to love the people and the community. I have gained many military friends and still keep in touch with them after they have to leave. And I pray for the ones that are in Iraq. I really think closing CAFB would be a mistake. Clovis has so much to offer. When people come to Clovis, military or other, I always hear "There is nothing here, it is so flat." I've told them what better place for an air base. We have plenty of land and air space. Our weather year round is perfect for an Air Force Base. But more then land and air, our citizens of Clovis have always welcomed and supported our Military and their families. Clovis has grown considerably in the last 2 years and will always have more and more to offer.

My husband is in construction and has helped build many of the buildings at CAFB and hopes to help with more in the future. I am a receptionist for an eye doctor that accepts the Tricare Insurance so I am fortunate to meet a lot of military families. My husband & I also helped found a youth soccer league, Clovis Youth Soccer Association. In the 3 years since we started, we have gone from 150 kids to just over 800. These kids range from 4 to 16 and a lot of these kids are military and their parents are coaches. I don't think this would have been as much of a success without the base families.

Clovis and its surrounding areas, Portales, Bovina, Farwell, Texico and Roswell, are some, hate to see the possibility of our base closing. Many have retired from the military and have made this area their home and rely on Cannon for many things such as the Commissary and medical staff and offices.

All in all, I really believe the choice of closing Cannon Air Force Base is a bad decision and hope you realize that we, Clovis, DO need and want the base but I believe, no, I KNOW, that you also need us. I hope you will rethink the choice to close Cannon Air Force Base.

Sincerely,

  
Brenda Aragon