



Dear Phillip Coyle,

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I do not see one thing that the Department of Defense is looking for in their criteria that we do not have. Just to name a few: Clovis has the available land, we do not have any problems with encroachments, we are near the Melrose bombing range, we have great flying weather, great air space and supersonic capabilities. We have the ability for Cannon to continue training with a multitude of aircraft, not just the F-16.

The criteria the DoD released was supposed to look at the economic impact on the city. Clovis is a city with only about 32,667 people with no other major city for about one hundred miles. With the base being the top employer in the area, pulling out 4,780 jobs from a community our size could devastate us. Why would you close a base that fits everything that was asked for by the DoD when there are bases like Luke AFB that do not fit the criteria that the DoD released. Come down to Clovis and see what a great base Cannon AFB is to the air force and how much our community supports and relies on it.

Sincerely,

*Pat Huerta*



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