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Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Re: Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico

Dear Chairman Principi,

I urge you to reconsider the decision to close the Cannon Air Force Base. Cannon can provide the military with no encroachment, low overhead, unlimited airspace and is a potential site for supersonic flights. The weather in New Mexico lends itself to pilot training with very few days of poor flying visibility.

Cannon has enjoyed the strong support of the New Mexico State Government. Clovis and Eastern New Mexico have been supportive of the military families through the years and this will continue as long as the base exists.

It is difficult to believe there are more economical and efficient bases that the personnel can train.

I realize and appreciate the difficult decision you and the BRAC Commission have in front of you. Hopefully, you will consider the above as you proceed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carroll H. Leavell".

Carroll H. Leavell