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BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Street Suite 600  
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Dear BRAC Commission,

This is not another letter begging the BRAC commission to keep Cannon open for the sake of Clovis' economy and jobs. Clovis has a very strong economy, the best trade territory anywhere, it does depend greatly on Cannon. The first population I remember for Clovis was just over ten thousand in 1940. We have grown at a steady slow pace since that time. We mostly depend on the railroad and then farming when we started irrigation in the early fifties, the base reopened and has been a contributing factor in the area. Feed yards started opening in the sixties, then packing houses and other cattle operations have been a big boost to the economy. Now our cheese plant and dairy's have added more and more large nationwide companies coming to Clovis. We strongly believe whatever the base closing would save over the next twenty years, if left open our trade territory would contribute much more that the savings to the local and national economy. Only to mention, Cannon has to be the most valuable small base in the United States and needs to grow instead of being closed.

Sincerely,

Arno Massey

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