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BRAC Commission  
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600  
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BRAC commissioners:

I am a concerned citizen from Curry County, NM, writing to you to consider and do all in your realm to do what you can to get Cannon Air Force Base removed from the BRAC list to be closed.

I was a Civil Service employee at Clovis Army Air Base from 1942-1946 and again at Cannon Air Force Base from 1977-1985. I worked in the HQ. SQ. and was acquainted with a lot of personnel from The Base Commanders, Flight Personnel and Airman. I know first hand the importance Cannon Air Force Base is to Clovis, New Mexico and surrounding towns.

I know if Cannon is closed it will affect a lot of retired Military Personnel in Eastern New Mexico and West Texas who rely on Cannon Air Force Base to supply them with Pharmacy needs. Cannon is the nearest military installation for them to use since Reese AFB in Lubbock, Texas was closed.

Since my retirement I have known a lot of Military Personnel who lived in Melrose, close to where the Bombing Range is located. There have been numerous personnel that have stayed in the Clovis, Portales and Melrose area after retiring rather than return to their Home Towns.

The closing of Cannon Air Force Base will cause a lot of schools to have to close also. Many of the Military Personnel like the kind of education their children get in these school systems.

Your assistance will <sup>be</sup> greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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