

To Whom it may concern:

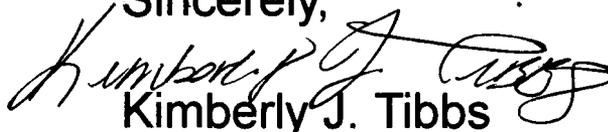
I am a current resident of Clovis, NM, home of Cannon Air Force Base. I have been a resident of Clovis and the surrounding area for over nine years now.. I love my community. The people that live here are second to none.

I am not going to give you all the statistics of Cannon Air Force Base. I am sure you know all of those. I am sure you have received numerous letters telling you all the reasons Cannon should not be closed based on all the military reasons, security reasons, etc.... However, I will say that if you close Cannon, you are basically ruining a community. We are not a large town. The Air Force Base and the BNSF railroad are the two largest employers in Clovis and our community, allowing our town to grow and prosper. I am sure you can see that If you close one of the two you are severely hurting our community.

New Mexico is already one of the poorest states in the Nation. Our education system is suffering and our health care costs are out of control. People here already have a hard enough time making ends meet. Closing Cannon will only make that harder. You may not feel it where you are, but every single person here will. From the merchants, to our churches, to home owners.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my letter and I sincerely hope you consider all I have told you in you decision to close Cannon Air Force Base.

Sincerely,



Kimberly J. Tibbs