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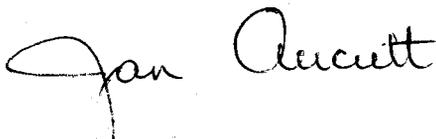
Dear Commissioners,

There are certain criteria that I would assume the Air Force would want for a base – vast airspace, a huge bombing range, supersonic capabilities (and people who would not complain about it), land for future expansion, minimal air traffic, and townspeople who are supportive. How many bases meet those needs? I do not understand why Cannon Air Force Base has not been considered for expansion, rather than closure, to take advantage of these unique qualities.

Closure of this base does not make sense to me. I understand the need to cut the budget, but not to shoot the Air Force in the foot, so to speak. As a businesswoman, consolidating a business means using my best assets to their fullest – which means looking to future needs, as well as current ones.

There are rumors that the Air Force says it does not need us. Let us hope their criteria is not big cities, lots of entertainment, and being near to amusement parks. All bases are for preparation of war, and what better place to be preparing than Cannon.

KEEP CANNON!


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