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Dear Chairman Principi and members of Brac,

We hereby request that the commission reconsider the decision to close Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, N. M. We feel the committee did not carefully look at all of the favorable conditions and assets that exist in Clovis and the surrounding areas.

One of the most important assets is the air space. Not many bases have the expanding air space capability. The protected airspace is free of commercial aircraft, permitting unrestricted availability for performing practice & exercises. Many communities object to supersonic low flying aircraft.

Another key asset is the Melrose Bomb range which is convenient and in close proximity for crews to practice and perfect their skills in low range bombing missions, night flights, etc. How many areas have that capability? Certainly not the huge congested areas.

Further, the relationship between the Clovis Community and Cannon AFB is exceptional. Some communities in other parts of the country are not accepting of base personnel, but here in the Clovis

area we have a Committee of Fifty which is a liason between the citizens of Clovis and the base. This makes for a great relationship between the two entities. Many base personnel are active in community organizations. My wife plays in the community band and reports that several members are from the base. It is a far reaching relationship because the people in Clovis and the surrounding area welcome base personnel and their families in all activities and organizations.

Our feeling is that the military is being "supersized" just like a Walmart. All of the focus appears to be on mega bases which will be located on the coasts and perimeters of the country with a total disregard of the economic impact of the communities stripped of their bases.

We would appreciate your taking these points into consideration when you render your decision,

Yours Truly,

John + Sandy Hoys