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June 24, 2005

Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Arlington, Virginia 22202



Re: Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, New Mexico

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Dear Chairman Principi:

Even as members of the BRAC Commission are meeting in Clovis with concerned New Mexicans to further evaluate the recommendation for closure of Cannon Air Forced Base, I simply wanted to make you aware of how involved the legislators of New Mexico are in this continuing process.

Commission members in Clovis June 24<sup>th</sup> will hear of the unique strategic and tactical value of the base and its location, the incredible community support it enjoys, and the vital role it plays in the economy of an entire region of our state.

Meantime, throughout our state, we don't have to search the skies to understand the impact of this decision, we can see it in our own neighborhoods.

I happen to represent a legislative district in northern New Mexico where a significant number of the employees of the Los Alamos National Laboratory live. The contributions, and sacrifices, New Mexicans make as part of our national security and readiness effort are part of our daily lives and conversations.

All of New Mexico has a proud history of contributing to national security – through the use of our lands and skies as well as our special individual efforts. It's been a working partnership that has benefitted us both and which has helped build a mutual respect based on accomplishment.

I know that literally hundreds of factors will enter into the final recommendations of the BRAC, and I hope that an understanding of the commitment and support of the entire state will be one of those factors.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debbie A. Rodella", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Representative Debbie A. Rodella

CC: Senator Michael Sanchez  
Representative Anna Crook  
Representative Jose Campos