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Dear Sir,

While I know you've got to be very busy in your role on the BRAC commission, I ask you to spend a few minutes and read my letter. My intent is to provide some info I hope will cause you to vote to remove Cannon AFB from the BRAC closure list.

I don't know if you've ever been to Clovis NM and/or Cannon AFB before, so the following are provided to you about them.

1. There's an UNMATCHED, positive, support for the base by Clovis and the surrounding communities. Military members say this is the best relationship they've seen in their careers
2. SUPERSONIC airspace located in the base's immediate vicinity. GREAT for training!
3. The lowest level of encroachment on the base's land and airspace vicinities of any Air Force base
4. SUPERB, amounts, and in excellent condition, of aircraft ramp parking space and maintenance facilities
5. 300+ annual days of excellent flying weather; some of the best in AF
6. EXTREMELY low cost of operating utilities such as gas/water/electricity
7. Melrose bombing range is located immediately west of the base

The reasons I've cited so far are mostly military-related, but there's another aspect of why Cannon must remain not only open, but see its mission increased. That reason is because of the HUGE, NEGATIVE, impact closing our base would have on communities out to a distance of over 200 miles. Clovis has a population of only 37,000 people, and closing it would be a traumatic loss. While the "official" estimate is that Clovis and the surrounding area would lose 20% of their population and jobs, many experts believe that 40% is more realistic! Clovis has supported Cannon faithfully for decades, going so far as to donate badly needed land for expansion. The impact to Clovis' tax base if Cannon closes would have a long-term, massive, and negative impact on every facet of the high-quality way of life that is seen here. School program funding would be hit super hard, and the decline in programs would affect our children's future for decades.

Sir, I know you have a tough task ahead of you as regards BRAC. I ask and implore you to make a personal visit to Clovis to see for yourself why Cannon's mission should be kept and expanded!

If I may be of help to you in this regard, please feel free to contact me.

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May 25, 2005

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Dear Ma'am,

With all your BRAC-related responsibilities I know you've got to be quite busy. I wish to only take a few minutes of your time to provide you some info I believe will cause you to take action to remove Cannon AFB from the BRAC closure list.

Not knowing if you've ever been to Clovis NM and/or Cannon before, the following are just a very few of the many reasons that Cannon should be not only kept open, but should have its mission expanded. That said, Cannon has

1. an UNMATCHED, positive, level of support from Clovis and the surrounding communities. Military members say we have the best town-base relationship they've ever seen
2. The lowest levels of encroachment on the base's proximity (land and airspace) of any base in the Air Force
3. Superb amounts, and in excellent condition, of aircraft parking ramps and maintenance facilities. The base's mission could be easily expanded for A/A-10 and F-35 aircraft.
4. 300+ annual days of superb flying weather
5. SUPERSONIC airspace located in the base's immediate vicinity
6. EXTREMELY low level of operating costs

for utilities (water/electricity/sewage)
② Melrose bombing range is located to the immediate west of the base

Ma'am, I realize the reasons above are almost completely military-related, but I would hope you're already familiar with the other reasons why closing Cannon would be the wrong thing to do. Clovis, with its population of only 37,000, is extremely dependent upon Cannon for its existence, let alone its future growth. Communities out to a range of over 200 miles would be impacted tremendously by Cannon's closure. While the "official" estimate is that Clovis and the surrounding communities would see a 20% loss in population and jobs, many experts put this number at greater than 40%!! The tax base in our communities would be devastated if Cannon closes, and the trickle-down effect would impact such important aspects as school funding. Our children's future would be negatively affected for decades to come. Clovis is geared for future growth, <u>not decline</u>, and keeping Cannon open is paramount for this to happen.

Ma'am, I know you have a tough task ahead of you as regards BRAC. I ask that you invest in <u>personally</u> visiting Clovis and Cannon and allow us to show you why the base's mission should be expanded. Feel free to contact me if I may be of help to you.

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May 24, 2005

Dear Sir,

I am sure you are busy with your BRAC-related work, but I ask that you please take a few minutes to read my letter. That said, I'll get right to the point: I ask that you reconsider the factors that led to Cannon AFB making the BRAC list and take action to remove it.

I have no idea if you've ever been to Clovis NM and/or Cannon AFB before, so I'll provide you just a very few of the reasons why Cannon shouldn't close:

① UNMATCHED, positive, supporting relationship of the base by the local communities. The vast majority of the base's military members say this is the best base-town relationship they've ever seen!

② The lowest amount of encroachment on the base's land and airspace of any base in the AF

③ SUPERSONIC airspace located immediately above the base

④ Superb amounts, in superb condition, of aircraft parking ramp space and maintenance facilities. This would enable Cannon to not only keep its current mission, but to expand it to

include the new F/A-22 and F-35 aircraft

5. 300+ days annually of superb flying weather
6. Extremely low costs for utilities such as electricity/water/sewage
7. Melrose bombing range is located immediately west of the base

The reasons above are just a <u>very</u> few that are military-related that justify Cannon being kept open. Not mentioned, again, if you've ever been here before, I ask that you please consider the following as well:

Simply put, Cannon's closure would decrease the local areas populations and jobs by what some experts believe could be 40%! The tax base in the city would take a <u>massive</u> hit, and affect every facet of the high-quality way of life we enjoy here. Funding of school programs would be dramatically decreased, with the obvious negative impact on our children's futures. Communities out to a distance of 200+ miles would feel this impact as well.

Sir, I know you have a tough task ahead of you in deciding which bases to close. I don't envy you for this. I only ask that you <u>personally</u> invest in the time

to visit Clovis / Cannon and see for yourself that we are worthy of not only keeping our current mission, but that the AF should expand upon Cannon's future mission.

If you have any questions, or if I may be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact me.

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Dear Sir,

Though I am quite sure you are busy at your work, I wish to take a few moments of your time to have you read and closely consider my letter. Simply put, I am asking you to consider pertinent info that will lead to the removal of Cannon AFB from the recent BRAC closure list.

I don't know if you've ever been to Clovis NM and/or Cannon, so I'll provide you the following to consider about Cannon:

1. UNMATCHED support of the base by the cities of Clovis and Portales. Many military members have said this relationship is the best they've ever seen
2. Supersonic airspace located immediately above the base. This is crucial now, but would be even more so for the F/A-22 and F-35 aircraft
3. Melrose bombing range is located immediately west of the base
4. 300+ days of superb flying weather annually
5. Superb numbers, in superb condition, of aircraft parking ramp space and maintenance facilities
6. Extremely low costs for operating utilities
7. Melrose bombing range is located immediately west of the base.

(8) The lowest amount of encroachment on the base's vicinity of any base in the AF!

I realize the reasons above are primarily military-related, but I now wish to go over issues which I greatly hope you've already familiar with. Simply put, Clovis' 37,000 people population are linked to the 85% point economically with Cannon AFB! The far-reaching impacts of shutting Cannon down would be completely devastating to Clovis! Communities out to a range of 200+ miles would be devastated if Cannon closes. While the "official" estimate is that Clovis and the surrounding communities (particularly Portales) would lose over 20% of their jobs and population, the number is certainly closer to 40%! That alone makes it imperative that Cannon stay open! The long-term impact to the area's tax base would cause the high-quality way of life here to start to crumble. As an example, Clovis has an excellent school system, and our children's futures would be negatively impacted by the funding cuts that would result from Cannon's closure.

Sir, I know you have a tough task ahead of you in deciding which bases to close. I don't envy you for that. I only ask that you personally come to Clovis and

Cannon so we can show you that not only should Cannon not close, but its mission should be expanded. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you.

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Dear Sir,

First, I want to thank you ahead of time for the personal attention I am sure you will pay to this topic. That said, and knowing you are busy, I will get right to my point. I ask that you take whatever time is needed, and ask for whatever info is required, for you to ensure that Cannon AFB is removed from the BRAC list!

Having no idea if you've ever been to Clovis and/or Cannon before, I wish to give you just a few of the more important reasons why Cannon should not close. Those are:

1. UNMATCHED, positive, supporting relationship of the city of Clovis of Cannon!
2. 300+ days of superb flying weather
3. SUPERSONIC airspace located right at the base! This would be critical for training in the new F/A-22 and F-35 fighter aircraft
4. There is currently more aircraft parking ramp space than is needed for today's missions
5. High-quality aircraft maintenance facilities
6. EXTREMELY low cost of operation for utilities
7. The lowest levels of encroachment of the base's location and airspace of any base in the AF.

- A long tradition of excellent performance in both the flying and aircraft maintenance functions. This level of performance perpetuates itself here at Cannon, and will positively affect the base's mission for years to come.

The reasons above are primarily military-related, and there is still the remaining aspect of the MASSIVE negative impact Cannon's closure would have on the city of Clovis. Clovis, with only approximately 37,000 residents, would be impacted so negatively by Cannon's closure that that alone is worthy of intense scrutiny. While the official estimate is that over 20% of the jobs in Clovis would be lost through Cannon's closure, a more realistic estimate is that the percentage would be over 40%. The tax base in the city would crumble, and communities out to over 175 miles would be affected. Perhaps most sadly, the negative impact on Clovis' superb school system would hurt our children's future.

Sir, I know you have a tough task ahead of you in recommending which bases will stay open and close. I don't envy you about this. I only ask that you personally come to Clovis and Cannon to verify for yourself why Cannon's mission should not only be not ended, but expanded. Please contact me if I may be of help in this.

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Dear Sir,

With all the actions associated with your being on the BRAC Commission, I'm sure you are quite busy. That said, I'll get right to my point. I ask that you consider pertinent info which will lead to Cannon AFB being removed from the BRAC list!

I don't know if you've ever been to Clovis or Cannon, so the following factors (which are just a few of many) are for your consideration:

1. UNMATCHED relationship between the surrounding communities and the base. Military members say this is the best town-base relationship they've ever seen.
2. SUPERSONIC airspace located right at the base's location. This is critical for training our pilots for their missions.
3. EXCESS amounts of aircraft parking ramp and maintenance facilities. Cannon's mission could be easily expanded
4. The lowest amount of encroachment on the base's perimeter and airspace of any base in the Air Force
5. 300+ annual days of great flying weather
6. Low cost of operation for all utilities (water/gas/electric/sewage).
7. Melrose bombing range is located immediately west of the base

While the reasons for keeping Cannon open that I've given above are primarily military-related, please also consider the following.

With a population of only approximately 37,000 people, Clovis is greatly dependent upon Cannon for its livelihood and future prosperity. Clovis has been an ardent supporter of Cannon for decades, and in fact has given land at no cost to the Air Force to help with Cannon's mission. While the "official" estimate is that Clovis and the surrounding communities would see a 20% loss of population and jobs, many experts believe the true amount is over 40%!!! Communities out to a range of 200 miles would be negatively affected as well. The tax base in Clovis would suffer tremendously which would affect such important aspects as school funding and therefore our children's futures. Indeed, every aspect of the high quality way of life we have here would be severely impacted.

Sir, I know you have a tough task ahead of you as regards BRAC. I ask that you invest the time to make a personal visit to Clovis and Cannon to see for yourself that not only should Cannon's role not decline, but that it should be expanded. If I may be of assistance to you in this regard, please feel free to contact me.

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Dear Sir,

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I'm sure that with all the BRAC-related events going on right now that you must be very busy, so I'll get right to my point. I ask that you take the time to reconsider factors that I feel are supportive enough to justify Cannon AFB being removed from the BRAC list.

I obviously have no idea if you've ever been to Clovis NM and/or Cannon AFB before, so the following factors (which are not a very few of many) are for your consideration.

1. Clovis has an UNMATCHED, positive supporting relationship with the base. Many military members say that our town-base relationship is the best they have ever seen
2. SUPERSONIC flying airspace which is located immediately above the base. This factor makes equipping Cannon in the future with either the new F/A-22 or F-35 aircraft extremely attractive
3. The lowest level of encroachment on the base's land and airspace of any base in the Air Force
4. 300+ days of superb annual flying weather

⑤ Superb amenities, in immaculate condition, of both aircraft ramp parking space and maintenance facilities
⑥ Extremely low operating costs for utilities such as electricity/water/sewage
⑦ Melrose bombing range is located immediately west of the base

Again, Sir, the above are just a very few of many fabulous military-related factors which militate against Cannon being kept open. In addition to these, please also consider the following critical factors:

With a population of only 37,000, and it being located in a remote portion of the state, Clovis and its surrounding communities are wholly dependent upon Cannon for not only future growth, but indeed for their survival. While the "official" estimate is that Clovis could expect a 20% decline in its population and jobs, many experts believe 40+% is more realistic!! The massive decline in the tax base would negatively impact every facet of the high quality of life which has recognized here. As a critical example, school funding would be severely diminished and our children's futures would be negatively impacted. Communities out to a distance of 200 miles would be forever negatively impacted.

Sir, Clovis and the surrounding area are extremely proud of their long-standing support of Cannon AFB and our military. In this day and age of global terrorism and the need for a rapidly deployable military, it is imperative that Cannon be not only kept open with its current mission, but that its mission be greatly expanded in the future.

I ask of you to personally visit our local area and the base to witness for yourself all that we, combined, have to offer. Your decision to keep Cannon AFB open and expanded will pay dividends for decades to come. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, please contact me.

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Dear Sir,

I know you must be very busy at your job, so I will get right to the point I wish to make: I firmly believe the decision to close Cannon AFB was made off of poor judgement and I implore you to reverse that decision!

I'm not sure if you've ever been to Clovis and/or Cannon, but just in case you haven't, I can tell you that Cannon has HUGE potential for growth and an expanded mission. There are MANY advantages Cannon has over other bases, among them being:

1. TREMENDOUS support from the local area
2. 300+ days of clear flying weather
3. Plenty of aircraft parking ramp space
4. Excess amount of aircraft hanger facilities
5. Melrose bombing range is located right off the west end of the base
6. SUPERSONIC flying airspace located right in the vicinity of the base
7. One of the very lowest amounts of base encroachment of any AF base
8. SUPERBLY low cost of operating the base, due to energy/water/waste rates
9. The tradition, which has and will continue to be passed on to newly-arrived military personnel, of great mission readiness and success stories

In fact, not only should Cannon be kept open, due to the facts I've listed (and many others too numerous to mention here) the mission at Cannon should be expanded to include the new F/A-22 and F-35 fighter aircraft.

So far, I've only listed those criteria which are mostly military-related. I'm sure you are well familiar with the devastatingly bad impact closing Cannon would have on the city of Clovis, as well as the entire eastern NM/west TX region out to a radius of 150 miles! Every facet of the enviable lifestyle realized here would be severely affected. While some have estimated over 20% of all jobs would be lost here if Cannon closes, many local experts have put this number at closer to 40%!!! That can't be allowed to occur!

In summary, sir, I ask that you push for a review of Cannon's viability for staying open and expanding its mission. Investing in Cannon AFB will pay great dividends to our country, and I request your visit Clovis and Cannon to verify this for yourself. As a proud American and strong supporter of Cannon, I stand ready to assist in any way needed to ensure that Cannon doesn't close

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Dear Sir,

With all the BRAC-related issues going on right now, on top of your own personal life, I'm sure you've got to be very busy. Knowing this, I'll get right to my point: I ask of you to consider pertinent information that will lead to your recommending that Cannon AFB be taken off of the BRAC list.

I don't know if you've ever been to Clovis NM and/or Cannon AFB, so the following factors will help paint a picture for you of Cannon's superb attributes

① UNMATCHED, positive, support of the base by all the local communities. Many military members say the relationship is the best they've ever seen!

② SUPERSONIC airspace located immediately above the base

③ The lowest amount of encroachment on the base's land and airspace areas of any base in the Air Force

④ Excess amounts, and in superb condition, of aircraft parking ramp and maintenance facilities.

⑤ 300+ annual days of superb flying weather

⑥ Extremely low cost for operation of all utilities, such as gas/water/electricity

⑦ Melrose bombing range is located immediately west of the base

Not only is Cannon worthy of staying open with its current mission, due to the above factors (and others too numerous to mention) its mission could easily be expanded to include the new F/A-22 or F-35 aircraft!

Realizing the factors above are primarily military-related, please also consider the following:

With a population of approximately 37,000, Clovis would be decimated by Cannon's closure. Communities out to a distance of 200 miles would feel this negative impact. While the "official" estimate is that Cannon should see a 20% decline in its jobs and population, many experts believe 40% is more accurate!! The tax base here would take a massive hit, and affect every facet of the high quality of life that is seen here. School funding would decline greatly, thereby affecting our children's futures!

Sir, I know you have a tough task ahead of you, but I ask that you make a personal visit to our town and look to see for yourself all we have to offer. Please let me know if I may be of help.

Sincerely,

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