

May 23, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Members:

My home is in Clovis, New Mexico, which is also home to Cannon Air Force Base. I am a junior high teacher here, and my deceased father, D. L. Ingram, was a member of the Committee of Fifty for many years and worked very hard in support of Cannon and the military. D. L. Ingram Boulevard on Cannon is named in his memory. Since this base is on the list of base closures, I am asking for your reconsideration of Cannon for the following reasons:

1. Cannon has an abundance of air space and ideal flying weather, and leaders in our community led the effort to expand and convert the air space to supersonic capability.
2. The Melrose bombing range is near which allows pilots to immediately begin training operations rather than using fuel to get to a training site.
3. Cannon has had new housing, new runways, and many other improvements in just the last few years. Thus, this base has the space and facilities to support future training missions for the F-22 Joint Strike Fighter and other military aircraft.

Of course, Cannon Air Force Base is very special to my family, but I believe there are very legitimate military issues which should be considered before closing this base which has so much tradition and support from the surrounding communities.

Sincerely,



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Bill F. Bullion
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Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr.
BRAC Commission
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Dear Admiral Gehman:

First, it is an honor and a privilege to write this letter to you as I am also a Navy Veteran – 1965 to 1969 serving in Viet Nam during '68 -'69 Qui Nhon Market Time Operations.

I am writing to you to voice my concerns over the BRAC closure list, specifically Cannon Air Force Base near Clovis, New Mexico. As a former resident of Clovis and graduate of Eastern New Mexico University in Portales I am concerned that the BRAC is making a grave mistake in this proposed closure action.

The area residents, City, County and State Governments of New Mexico are extremely concerned about the economic effects and outfall of the proposed closure, of which I also share their concerns for the future of the area. I also have a real concern of the loss of Cannon to our military machine. Cannon and its future should be considered very strategic to our military and in its long range planning.

If Cannon is closed, Clovis will survive and in the long run be a viable community as others have, not an easy task, but it can and will be done. On the other hand, our military will lose an extremely well situated facility that cannot be replaced easily. Cannon has the capability and flexibility to serve all branches of the military as a support base and training facility.

Training is critical to all military programs. Training promotes efficiencies, eliminates mistakes, saves money and most important of all – saves lives. Our fighter pilots must continue to receive the best training available and a key factor to that is having a world class training facility. No other military base has immediate access to unencumbered air spaces such as the Melrose Bombing Range and the New Mexico Training Range that is being implemented, both immediately adjacent and accessible to Cannon year round. These ranges are well suited to support aircraft of any type or service branch; Air Force, Navy, Marines or Army.

I urge you and your colleagues to review and re-consider the actions set forth by the BRAC. Please - Support our Troops - Keep Cannon. I wish you well on your upcoming visit to Cannon and the Clovis area.

I would be glad to discuss this issue with you or anyone on the BRAC Commission; I can be contacted at (618) 692-3819 or at my office (314) 335-4357. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


Bill Bullion

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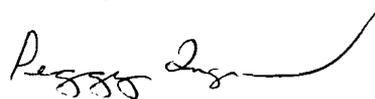
1. Cannon has an abundance of air space and ideal flying weather. Also, once the New Mexico Training Range Initiative is implemented, pilots will be able to fly supersonic during training missions.
2. The Melrose bombing range is near allowing pilots to immediately begin training operations.
3. Cannon has had new housing, new runways, and many other improvements in just the last few years. Thus, this base has the space and facilities to accommodate military needs.

I have been a high school teacher in Clovis since 1973 and have witnessed the strong relationship between the base and the community. I have attended many functions at this base and claim as good friends many military personnel that have been stationed here.

However, as emotional an issue this is for the community, there are the rational issues as indicated above that should be taken into consideration, and I believe Cannon is a necessary future for our military and our defense.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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