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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in response to the recent announcement that Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico is on the list to potentially be closed. The following factors are important to consider about why Cannon should not be closed:

- Consider the economic impact of Clovis and the surrounding communities, including Amarillo and Lubbock, that would be affected tremendously.
- The consequence of loss of resources to thousands of retired military families that live in Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, and West Texas would be devastating. These people rely on Cannon for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more. There is not another installation close to serve our retired military.
- Consider the strategic response time for protection of the BWXT Pantex, Bell Helicopter and all other heavy industrial facilities in the surrounding area. This would place a much greater demand on our local law enforcement and other emergency response personnel.
- The relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding area, including us as far away as Pampa, is unlike any other installation in the country.

The surrounding communities have reached out in full support of Clovis and the base like no other community in our area. We support Cannon financially, morally, spiritually, and above all, consistently over the past 50 years. I know that you are faced with a difficult assignment, but please consider the points listed above and remove Cannon Air Force Base from the potential closing list under consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trevlyn Pitner".

Trevlyn Pitner – Chief of Police

"Serving Pampa with Pride"