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Dear BRAC Commission,

I have been a resident of Texas for all my life and can recall a time when we had our Amarillo airbase open (yes, I was small, but I remember that the sonic booms were COOOOOOL)!!! Where there was once a thriving community of families and pets and a great life with great expectations, stands a ghost town of old decayed buildings and tumbleweeds in the middle of nowhere. I cannot imagine how it felt back then for those people who had to uproot their lives and move because we closed the airbase. I know for a fact that there are hundreds of *much better places where the government could save significant sums of money* rather than in closing down an airbase especially in these times of constant security threats.

I ask you is to please reconsider this closure and let the airbase stay open in Clovis. It is a wonderful facility with so much history surrounding it and the families and businesses in Clovis. Personally, I would feel safer knowing that Pantex is protected by those awesome jets that take just a few minutes to respond to a crisis if need be. All the other bases anywhere near here have been closed!!! What with national security being what it is, I would think that the US would be more concerned with the potential saving of so many lives and what it could potentially cost us if they closed it down and we needed help - not to mention human beings losing jobs and homes and futures.

Please reconsider keeping the base open and don't take away something that holds so much value. Maybe the government could cut down on the number of people that simply stand at the airport entry checkpoints and *just open your trunk and close it* when you drive up to board a plane!!! They wouldn't know a potential hazard if they saw one!!!

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