

To the Brac Commission:

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With regards to the closing of Cannon AFB in Clovis, NM.

I realize that you have heard all of the technical reasons why it should not be on the list.

I would like to give you my opinion as a business person regarding the devastating economic condition I and many others who have their life savings, (in my case my retirement savings) tied up in businesses that will not be desirable to a prospective purchaser.

My husband (retired deceased Air Force) and I purchased an apartment building in 1967 and then a mobile home park in 1976 intending to retire on the sale of those investments, unfortunately my husband did not live past age 60.

My son then took over the management. He died in February this year.

I'm now at a time in my 70's and ready to retire, however I am devastated that my business will not be sellable.

My husband was raised in California and was stationed at CAFB twice. I came from England. After being stationed here twice we decided it was a great place to raise our children and retire.

Cannon AFB and the local surrounding communities have such repore with one another. In fact taking the base away takes away the identity of Clovis.

I know that the Department of Defense have their economic reasons for putting Cannon AFB on the Brac list, I just wanted to give you one economic perspective from Clovis, NM.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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