

BRAC Commission

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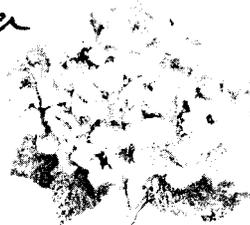
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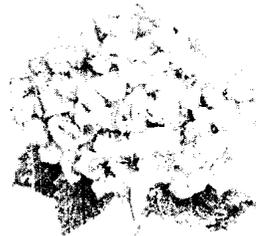
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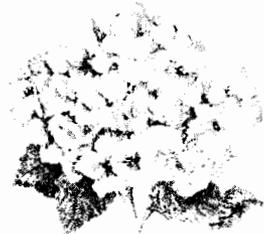
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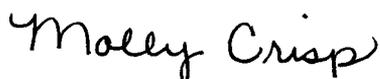
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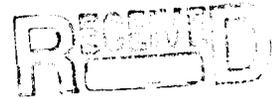
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Sincerely,

Molly Crisp

Molly Crisp
207 Leavitt Rd
Clayton, NM 88415

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May 31, 2005

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BRAC Commission
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Joel W. Drahman
1916 Fairway Terrace
Clovis, New Mexico 88101

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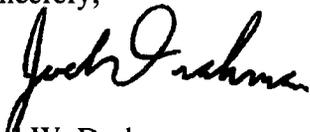
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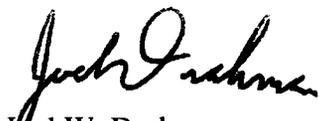
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From Mark McKay
109 Ernst
Clovis, NM 88101

Re Cannon AFB

To Mr. Samuel Knox Skinner
BRAC Commission

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Dear Mr. Skinner

I have lived in Clovis since 1973 and have enjoyed the wonderful relationship the town has had with the base all these years. My Air Force friends through the years have told me it has been the best station of all for them. Many have retired here which I am grateful for.

They tell me there are a number of reasons to keep the base here.

They include:

upcoming supersonic airspace
existing airport
port record

bombing range and its closeness
future ability of the base

I pray you and your fellow members make all the right decisions for us and our country.

Good luck,

Mark McKay

From

Mark McKay
109 Ernst
Louis, NM 88101

RE Cannon AFB

5-18-05

To

General Turner
BRAC Commission



Dear General Turner

many obvious reasons not to close Cannon will be brought to your attention. They include the great non-encroached flying, the weather, the relationship with the local people, Cannon's past record and future potential particularly with the supersonic flying potential coming this fall, the closeness to a great bombing range and the potential for joint training.

Selfishly, the base closure will be a giant hit to our local economy but I hope you make the correct decision for all of us.

Good luck,

Mark McKay

From

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109 Ernst

Clevis, NM 88101

To

General James T. Hill

BRAC Commission

Dear General Hill

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As you know, you must make

the correct decision for the entire

country. Please just make sure your

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Re Cannon AFT

From Mark McKay
109 Evans
Clovis, NM 88101

To Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr
BRAC Commission

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Re Cannon AFB

Dear Admiral Gehman

I'm just another citizen who believes Cannon AFB should not be shut down. My air force friends talk to me about the great relationship with the town here, the weather and unencroached flying, the coming (this fall) NM training range initiative for supersonic flying, the great part record of Cannon and its ability for joint training with other services.

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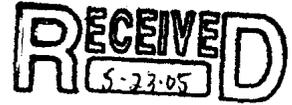
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109 Ernst
Clovis, NM 88101

Re Cannon AFB

To General Lloyd Newton
BRAC Commission



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I am 54 years old and have lived here since 1973. The base has been a great part of my and my family's life. Please be sure to look at the info on Cannon and make the proper decision for us and the entire country.

Good luck,

Mark McKay

From Mark McKay
109 Ernst
Clovis, NM 88101

Re: Cannon AFB
5-18-05

To Mr Philip Coyle of California
BRAC Commission

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Dear Mr Coyle

I believe Cannon AFB should not be closed for a number of reasons. This includes an incredible relationship with the small city of Clovis, N.M., unencroached, sunny airspace, the excellent bombing range which is practically at the end of the runway, a wonderful military attitude and professionalism at the base and the wonderful opportunity coming this fall for supersonic airspace.

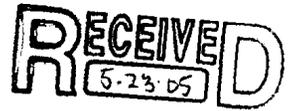
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Thank you,

Mark McKay

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109 Erust
Clovis, NM 88101

Re Cannon AFB



To Mr. James V. Hansen
BRAC Commission

Dear Mr Hansen

You have an enormous and important job to do for our country. I pray you make all the correct decisions that are best for all of us.

We here in Clovis feel strongly that Cannon AFB should be kept open for a number of reasons. Following are some of them.

Great sunny airfield with no encroachment
a wonderful relationship between the
base and the local folks.

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proximity to the base.

The improving supervisor's flying
ability.

The tremendous prospect of handling
future assignments.

Cannon's past record.

Selfishly of course we have a lot
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Every person will be affected substantially.

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There are a myriad of other reasons to keep Cannon as an integral part of the Air Force mission that space does not permit. To close this base would be short-sighted and severely cripple the nation's readiness, combat capability, and homeland defense.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda K. King". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "B" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brenda K. King
676 CR 5
Clovis, NM 88101
(505)683-0083

May 20, 2005

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



Dear BRAC COMMISSIONERS:

As a concerned citizen of Clovis, New Mexico and for the keeping of Cannon Air Force Base, I want you to hear my personal reasons for taking Cannon off the base closure list.

I feel this was a judgment call made without knowing all the pertinent facts which make Cannon a special base. I want you to consider this plea along with those of our community and surrounding area.

First of all we have over 300 good flying days a year. We have bright sunny weather with very little rain or snow. It is excellent for daytime or night flying maneuvers. This makes for perfect training. When citizens hear the planes flying at night or zooming around in the day, I thank God for allowing them to protect us and our nation.

The additional air space that is currently being negotiated for purchase will allow for greater missions for many different planes which need supersonic airspace.

The Melrose bombing range is only seconds away for great training and blends into our farm land with no problems. It is vital to training missions for war time planes to practice maneuvers.

The air force personnel that come into Clovis are looking for families to take them under their wings and offer them a place to belong. We do this without reluctance. We can help them meet each need whether it be to find schools for their children, homes to rent or buy, suggestions of places to eat, or shop. We bring them into our churches and offer them closeness to God as a family. We comfort them when they have family members who must be deployed. We give them our hugs when they are ill or loose a loved one. These are some of the reasons why many who are stationed here make a personal reason to come back to Clovis to retire.

Our military retirees now are a great number of our area population and have a great voice in our local, state and national government. Many are getting up in years. They are very concerned over this disturbing news that a group of Government officials can actually change the course of their lives with a single stroke of a pen. Many veteran retirees serve on local civic government positions; have teaching positions, and other income which make their income taxes higher. Still they are able to maintain their independence and be productive citizens. Many returned to Clovis or elected to retire here because of our lower cost of living. Property taxes are very low and housing is very affordable.

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The two area colleges are also a great plus factor as all the military and their families can continue to work on furthering their education while they are stationed here in Clovis or Portales. They offer online classes as well to not hinder their busy schedules. They offer child care as well.

When they first arrive the wind may be blowing and we may be in a no rain time of year where the land is flat and the grass is brown, but soon there is more to be found in Clovis than rolling green hills and lots of trees. It is the friendliness and caring of the community. The veterans learn to love us as we love them.

I want to personally plead with you to consider and reconsider your previous decision and consider the impact on our local area communities and our economy.

In addition the air force personnel stationed here at Cannon do not want to leave Clovis. Countless families want to stay here, but will go if sent somewhere else, but if given the choice. Clovis is like no other home to them.

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Debbie Spriggs

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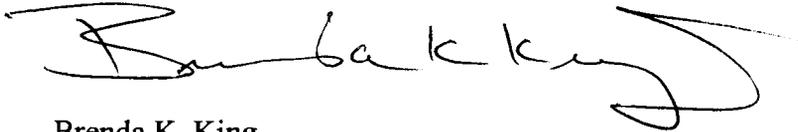
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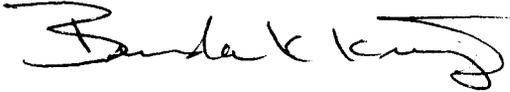
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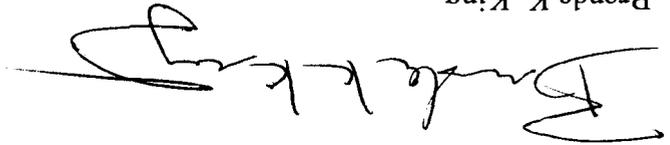
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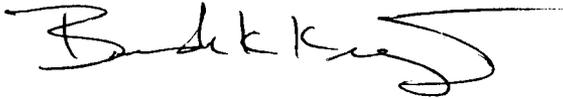
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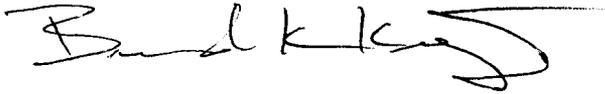
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RE: Cannon AFB, Clovis, NM

Cannon AFB being on the closure list is understandable, if only basic data is considered. If 'in depth' information is secured and studied, a different decision should be reached.

First and foremost, safety should be considered. Good weather and limited air traffic is definitely a plus in Clovis, NM. Additionally, there have been several occasions in the past when distressed civilian planes have used this facility, instead of other poorly equipped airports. Without this facility here, there would be none within over 100 miles with adequate fire fighting and rescue resources.

Second, the community welcomes the base and military people. That is not the case in many other cities. Military people here become part of the community, and frequently decide to stay after retirement.

Third, the cost of closing this facility will probably be greater than the savings. Moving some 4000 military people to areas that have higher living costs will require higher housing allowances, that will be ongoing. Expanding military facilities to accommodate them in areas of higher costs would undermine the cost savings.

It would make more sense to expand this base to be a multi-purpose facility to train all branches of service here. This terrain and geographic location makes much more sense than heavier populated areas.

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The Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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18 May, 2005

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 - Family Support services.
 - Medical and pharmaceutical availability.
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8. The educational availability of Eastern New Mexico University and Clovis Community College
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11. The reasonable cost of living is a distinct factor in this area and the real-estate industry will be severely impacted, taking a major hit with present and proposed housing starts.
12. The loss of several thousand civil service jobs to the communities of Clovis and Portales

On a personal note, my late husband served 28 ½ years in the USAF; a tour in Korea and two tours in Viet Nam. He was shot down on his second tour in 1971, miraculously found and picked up by the Army. We have had many duty stations and have lived in many places in the world with two tours at Cannon AFB. We decided to retire in Clovis partly because of the receptiveness, hospitality and the spirit of the community. (One of the communities we once lived near had signs on property stating "Military Keep Off Grass"). Our three children graduated from Clovis High School, are all successful, and the eldest is currently on active duty with the AF having just returned from a deployment to Afghanistan.

Unlike many communities having a running battle with military installations over noise and encroachment, the communities of Clovis and Portales want the base, and feel that the sound of the jets is the sound of freedom.

Please reconsider the decision to close Cannon AFB and increase its mission. It has the capacity and infrastructure to grow.

Sincerely,

Lyn M. Henderson,
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6. The recent extension of the runways, the new tower, the security beefing up of the overpass and guard entrance to the Base, and the hundreds of dollars allocated for other improvements which will be spent..
7. The many Base facilities offering support to the Service Men and their families:
 - Excellent recreational facilities.
 - Family Support services.
 - Medical and pharmaceutical availability.
 - A well supplied and appointed commissary and Base ExchangeAll of which are frequented and used by the active duty military and their families and the thousands of military retirees for hundreds of miles around.
8. The educational availability of Eastern New Mexico University and Clovis Community College
9. The economic impact will be devastating to many of the local businesses and industries.
 - 20.50% Micropolitan statistical area, the largest loss of any of the listed closures.
10. Our local schools receive badly needed federal monetary support based on the number of military children enrolled.
11. The reasonable cost of living is a distinct factor in this area and benefit to enlistees, and the real-estate industry will be severely impacted, taking a major hit with present and proposed housing starts.
12. The loss of several thousand civil service jobs to the communities of Clovis and Portales

On a personal note, my late husband served 28 ½ years in the USAF; a tour in Korea and two tours in Viet Nam. He was shot down on his second tour in 1971, miraculously found and picked up by the Army. We have had many duty stations and have lived in many places in the world with two tours at Cannon AFB. We decided to retire in Clovis partly because of the receptiveness, hospitality and the spirit of the community. (One of the communities we once lived near had signs on property stating "Military Keep Off Grass"). Our three children graduated from Clovis High School, are all successful, and the eldest is currently on active duty with the AF having just returned from a deployment to Afghanistan.

Unlike many communities having a running battle with military installations over noise and encroachment, the communities of Clovis and Portales want the base, and feel that the sound of the jets is the sound of freedom.

Please reconsider the decision to close Cannon AFB and increase its mission. It has the capacity and infrastructure to grow.

Sincerely,


Lynn M. Henderson,

Widow of Lt. Col. (Ret.) Warren L. Henderson
1613 Fairway Terrace,
Clovis, NM 88101

May 27, 2005



The Honorable James V. Hansen
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Commissioner Hansen:

Please vote to overturn the Department of Defense's recommendation that Cannon Air Force Base be closed. Cannon Air Force Base should not be on the BRAC closure list. Here are a few of the many reasons why:

- **LOCATION** - New Mexico is the perfect location and has excellent weather for year-round flying. Training facilities, like the Melrose bombing range and all the ground space necessary, are available for joint war-fighting, training and readiness exercises.
- **AIR SPACE** – The base has an abundance of air space with no encroachment issues. Once the NM Training Range Initiative is implemented, Cannon will be able to offer pilots the ability to fly supersonic during training missions. Cannon is a perfect candidate to support future training missions for the F-22, Joint Strike Fighter and any other military aircraft.
- **SUPPORT** – Cannon has the full support of not only Clovis, New Mexico, but every community within at least 100 miles. We have reached out and supported Cannon financially, morally, spiritually and consistently for the last 50 years and pledge to continue for at least another 50.

Cannon just does not fit the criteria for base closures.

I invite you to come to Clovis, inspect the base and tour our community. I ask you to reconsider Cannon's importance to the security of our nation and to my community. We need Cannon. You need Cannon. America needs Cannon! Please, let us KEEP CANNON AFB OPEN!

Respectfully,

Marla D. Gutierrez
1816 Avondale Blvd.
Clovis, New Mexico 88101

June 9, 2005



The Honorable James H. Billbray
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Sir:

This letter comes to you from a gem in the midst of brown grass, mesquite trees and numerous cows, Clovis New Mexico, the proud home of Cannon Air Force Base. About four years ago my spouse and I had the privilege to PCS here to Cannon Air Force Base. Since that time we have retired and chosen to stay here in Clovis. I consider myself somewhat of an “expert” when it comes to relocating and would like you to know that I have never lived in a city like Clovis that accepts, embraces and encourages the new military families that relocate to this area.

I am a daughter of a twenty-year Navy veteran and a spouse of a twenty-year Air Force veteran. I have moved with the military twelve times in my lifetime and have learned throughout those years that not all communities want the military members or dependents in their cities. I recall once in Rome, New York standing in line at a grocery store hearing a woman behind me commenting on how those military members are so spoiled and remarking on how her life would be better without any of us in that city. I know what it feels like to see your child sit on the bench at a sporting event because the coach found out that he was a military dependent and would only be there for a short time, so why play him. I also recall reading letters to the editor of the local newspaper in Colorado Springs Colorado and in those letters the military members were blamed for all of the wrong in Colorado Springs. I can tell you that when your spouse is overseas in a dangerous situation you do not want to be located in a city where you do not feel wanted. Clovis New Mexico has been a breath of fresh air since the day we relocated here. Our military members and their families deserve to live in a place like Clovis where they are welcome and encouraged to become a part of the community.

I believe that we ask a great deal from our military members and they give willingly. These individuals serve our country for little pay, for little gratitude from the general public and with great personal sacrifice. Just today one of my co-workers just found out that her spouse is going to be shipped somewhere for four months on a humanitarian mission. He is very proud to serve his country, but he is also extremely glad that he is leaving his family in a place like Clovis, New Mexico. Don't we have a hard enough time keeping good people in the services? Perhaps living conditions should be considered when deciding which bases need to be closed. Places like Clovis are few and I think it is important we need to keep our bases, especially in the communities

where they are wanted. If Cannon Air Force Base is closed, the United States Air Force will be losing its gem!

Thank you,
Robbyn L. Runquist
Clovis, New Mexico

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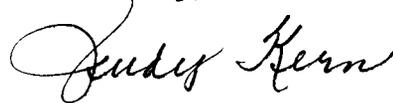
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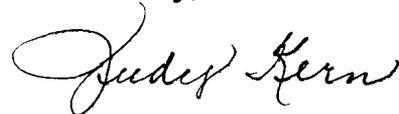
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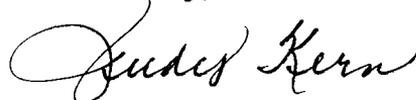
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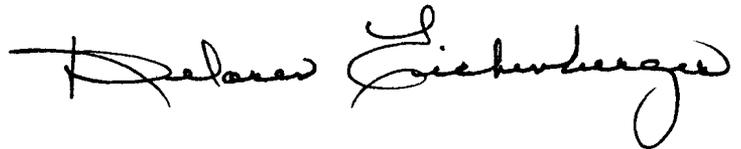
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BRUCE AND SUSAN FOGARTY
416 Chanticleer Pl.
Clovis, NM 88101
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June 13, 2005

Honorable Anthony Principi
BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark St.
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Principi:

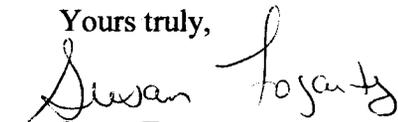
I am writing to you to express my strong disagreement with the current recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico. Our country is currently fighting two wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and a third war against terror. Now is not the time to drastically restructure the military bases on our home soil.

After reviewing the data released by the Department of Defense, and listening to the presentations at the public hearing in Clovis on June 24, I am convinced that the Department of Defense made several significant mistakes when recommending Cannon for closure. Cannon was not given the appropriate number of points for having two runways, a large nearby supersonic training space and bombing range, and virtually unlimited potential for growth. (Compare Luke in Phoenix for growth/encroachment issues.) Cannon will always be a low cost base when compared with others.

The nearby Clovis airport is being expanded with longer runways to accommodate jets. This is just one example of the extraordinary support shown for the base by the local community. I know this is not a formal criteria for keeping the base, but where else has the local community purchased space around a base and donated it for base security and housing? A related issue, which should receive some consideration, is that the economic impact on the local community will be the most of any base closing in the country, and twice as damaging as the impact on any other community. We will lose between 20% and 30% of our jobs and local economy. Our housing market will be devastated for decades. In fact, since we are relatively isolated from major metropolitan areas with diversified economies, the closure of Cannon will be a death knell for this community. No place else will be so affected.

Therefore, I urge you to reject the recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base. Thank you for listening to my request.

Yours truly,


Susan Fogarty

8512 Mountain Willow Drive
El Paso, Texas 79904
July 3, 2005

Chairman, 2005 Base Realignment
and Closure Commission
2421 S Clark Street, Ste 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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Dear Sir,

By way of introduction, I am Major General, U S Army Retired, John B. Oblinger who served as Assistant Commandant of the Air Defense Artillery School at Fort Bliss as a Brigadier General from 1976 to 1979. When promoted to Major General in 1979, I served as Commandant of the Air Defense Artillery School and Commanding General of Fort Bliss from 1979 to 1982.

My purpose in writing this letter is to express strong disagreement with the move of the Air Defense Artillery School to Fort Sill as part of BRAC 2005. While the U. S. Army's "NET FIRES" project has some limited tactical battlefield advantage when matured, U. S. Army Air Defense has been a key player for over 50 years in Theater and Strategic "NET FIRES" with the U. S. Air Force, Navy, Marines and NATO Forces. This is the way Army Air Defense Doctrine is written, how Air Defense trains and the way Air Defense has performed during the Cold War, and the way Army Air Defense has fought in wars as recently as Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom.

My second argument that I will develop against the move will expand on the loss of the magnificent facilities and ranges at Fort Bliss compared to Fort Sill and the potential loss of many key experienced Civil Service members from the Air Defense Artillery School's Combat Development, Training Development, Doctrine and Evaluation Departments. Senior, experienced Civil Servants will not move to Fort Sill.

In 1958 my personal command of Army Air Defense in a netted command structure began with command of a nuclear capable Nike Hercules Battery in the Washington-Baltimore Region of Continental Air Defense Command with U. S. Air Force and Army as well as Canadian radars for early warning and fire direction, as well as fighter Aircraft and Missiles. This was about "netting" and Command and Control on a Theater basis, which was the North American Continent! The U. S. Army Air Defense Artillery School developed missile and radar hardware, participated in doctrine development, and trained and evaluated those Army Air Defense Forces. In 1969 - 70, as a nuclear capable Nike Hercules Air Defense Battalion Commander and again in 1973 - 1975 as a nuclear capable Nike Hercules Air Defense Group Commander, Air Defense was part of the NATO Air Defense of Europe. Again, the Air Defense Artillery School at Fort Bliss developed the Army Air Defense Doctrine, conducted the training of Air Defense Officers and Enlisted Forces, did the studies which led to the development of radar sensors and missile systems and then evaluated the testing at the Fort Bliss and White Sands Ranges. In 1975 - 1976, I was the Commander of a nuclear capable Nike Hercules and

Hawk Brigade in South Korea operating in the joint and coalition Air Defense of South Korea composed of U. S. Air Forces, Korean Air Forces and Korean Army Air Defense Forces. Again, these Air Defense forces worked within a single command structure with “netted sensors” from all components to form an integrated Air Defense capability. All of this Cold War history of Army Air Defense working within joint and coalition Air Defense forces, trained and provisioned through the efforts of the Air Defense Artillery School indicates the ability of Air Defense to master the techniques of joint and coalition warfare on a much greater and difficult scale than the relatively smaller scale of the Air Defense and Field Artillery “NET FIRES” concept. Army Air Defense has successfully participated in “NET FIRES” and Joint and Coalition Warfare on a global scale!

Again, this was proven successful in Desert Storm where the TRADOC, including the Air Defense Artillery School, written and trained “Air Land Battle Doctrine” was implemented successfully. Following this was again the strategic and regional as well as tactical employment of Air Defense Patriot missile forces during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Joint U. S. Army, Air Force, Marine and Naval forces operated in concert from air, land, and sea from Kuwait across Saudi Arabia and Jordan to Israel in an integrated coalition air space and missile defense of coalition forces as well as strategic value targets.

One of the major reasons for this most recent success in addition to the many years of experience of working together during the Cold War is the annual training exercises since 1989, conducted at the Fort Bliss and White Sands Ranges called Roving Sands. Roving Sands is the world’s largest joint theater air and missile defense training exercise. The mission of Roving Sands is to integrate Joint Tactical Air Operations, including Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine command and control capabilities. Multi-national forces from five NATO countries have participated on a near annual basis. Major command and control nodes have been located at Fort Bliss and across the United States. In addition to the real force players operating on the range and from the southwest region of the United States, often numbering over 20,000 troops on the ground, the Fort Bliss Battle Simulation Center of the Air Defense Artillery School is used to provide additional inputs to make the exercise as realistic as possible. Having these, at least 14 day, annual air and missile defense exercises co-located at Fort Bliss with the many air defense units, air defense battle command headquarters and the Air Defense Artillery School provides the School with a Battle Laboratory to exercise, perfect and chronicle the many tactics and techniques learned through these “boots on the ground” exercises. Moving the Air Defense Artillery School to Fort Sill would curtail seriously this “Battle Laboratory” proximity relationship. The projected move of the Air Defense Artillery School to Fort Sill for what seems to me, as well as many others who have served in both Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery, a very minimal gain seems truly UNREALISTIC!

I am sure you will hear and read the many physical advantages of Fort Bliss over Fort Sill. A short list includes the 1.1 million acre range area of Fort Bliss, not counting the White Sands and Holloman ranges, all with virtually unrestricted air space. The ability to fire all missile systems at Fort Bliss, with virtually no capability for missile firing at Fort Sill! Frequency management for all radars of current and future systems can be a problem at Fort Sill, where no problem exists at Fort Bliss. The proposal to move the School as well as the 31st ADA Brigade to Fort Sill will impact severely the ability of Air Defense to have adequate areas to

train. There is no training space problem at Fort Bliss. In fact, Fort Bliss could accommodate all planned incoming units and more and still have adequate space for the Air Defense Artillery School and the 31st ADA Brigade.

Another negative of moving the Air Defense Artillery School is the loss of the over forty year positive relationship at Fort Bliss with the German Air Force Air Defense Center co-located at Fort Bliss since 1963. Much has been shared through the years between these NATO Allies. The German Air Force has the predominate number of NATO Patriot units in Europe. What will become of this long-term positive relationship so close on the ground at Fort Bliss? In my opinion, it is unlikely that the German Air Force Air Defense Center would move to Fort Sill.

Finally, consider the potential loss of the senior, experienced civilian managers and employees of the Air Defense Artillery School that is sure to happen by the move to Fort Sill. Many of these positions are filled now by former Air Defense Branch officers, warrant officers, and non-commissioned officers who have years of Air Defense experience while they served on active duty. There are also senior, experienced graduate engineers, systems analysts and other types of managers who have spent their entire careers working in Air Defense Combat Developments, Training Developments, and Test and Evaluation. Many of these experienced and talented personnel conducted the Air and Missile Defense Studies and Analyses that lead to the fielding of Stinger, Chaparral, Patriot, Bradley Linebacker, Avenger and the requirements documents leading to the development of Theater High Altitude Air Defense (THAAD) and the cooperation with NATO leading to the MEADS system development. These studies were NOT conducted at Department of the Army or OSD. They were conducted at Fort Bliss with participation from the TRADOC Systems Analysis Agency (TRASANA) at White Sands. These senior, experienced civilian employee combat developers, training developers and doctrine writers will not likely uproot from El Paso and move to Fort Sill.

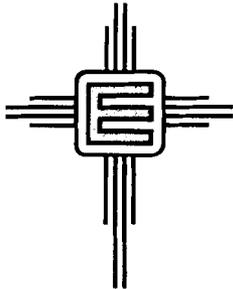
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Compared to what Air Defense has accomplished throughout over fifty years in tactical and strategic joint and coalition air space management and control, "NET FIRES" could be accomplished with the Air Defense Artillery School and the Field Artillery School remaining in place.

Sincerely,


John B. Oblinger
Major General, U S Army (Retired)

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24 June 2005

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Dear Sirs and Madams,

Knowing that there are a myriad of factors to consider in deciding which military bases are to be closed, I wish to bring to your attention one issue which could be easily overlooked.

A community such as ours is not only economically disadvantaged, our children also have fewer educational opportunities than their counterparts in metropolitan areas. One important way that Eastern New Mexico University has ameliorated this unfortunate situation is by hosting a regional science fair affiliated with the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. I was director of this regional competition for two years and relied on Cannon Air Force Base to provide judges for the fair. These judges are essential to the success and effectiveness of the fair and I believe that Cannon was the single biggest source of judges when I was director. The volunteers from Cannon reflected very positively on the United States Air Force. I am sure that other directors of the fair have had similar experiences.

In a very real sense, the Intel Science and Engineering fair helps secure our nation's future by preparing young minds to be the scientists and engineers of tomorrow. Thus, the availability of qualified and intelligent judges such as provided by Cannon Air Force Base contributes in a very real way to the defense of our Constitution and our nation. Such a resource is especially important to an isolated rural community.

I realize that your final decision must include many considerations. I hope that you will consider this issue as one small factor weighing in favor of maintaining Cannon Air Force Base.

respectfully,

William Andersen

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Associate Professor of Physics
Eastern New Mexico University

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KEEP CANNON

www.keepcannon.com

To the distinguished BRAC committee,

I am writing you today to maybe sway the decision to close Cannon Air Force Base. You see I was born on that base, my dad is retired now and they still live here. I have been around Cannon all my life. I know as a manager of an Automotive Dealership Parts department how important the base is to this area. There is many reasons Cannon should not be on the BRAC list.

There is an abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues. The Melrose bombing range is seconds from takeoff, saving fuel and the ability to immediatly begin training operations over the bombing range. Cannon has the space and facilities to accomodate joint efforts in traing from other branches of the service, as well as our allies from other nations. Cannon has won countless awards & if left open would win many more. I know our community as well as many surrounding towns has reached out and supported this base for over 50 years.

Clovis,Portales,Eastern New Mexico, West Texas (including Amarillo & Lubbock) are home to a large military retiree population. These retiree's rely on Cannon for healthcare,grocery shopping, and more. There is not another installatoin close by to serve our retired military.

We are proud,honored and blessed to have Cannon Air Base and will stand behind it and everything that it stands for every step of the way.

Sincerely,
Sidney D. Turner Jr.
2212 Bobwhite Ct.
Clovis N.M. 88101

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6/17/2005

Dear James T. Hill,

This is my input concerning your decision to close Cannon AFB in Clovis, NM. Here are a couple of reasons we have to offer to keep Cannon open as well as the major impact it would have on the surrounding community.

All city services will be reduced: City police, Sheriff, Hospital, Paramedics, Fire Dept., etc., as well as, tax revenues. Homes will decrease in value possibly 25-40%, property value will also drop. The hospital has made dramatic expansions can it survive?

The government will reimburse any military personnel for homes they own, or will buy and absorb any remaining homes. (1000 homes @ \$95,000 each = \$95 million tax dollars). Causing all homes to devalue.

We have no large airport or structures, therefore Cannon has abundance of air space and no encroachment issues. There is more room for Cannon to grow if needed. If Cannon goes so does the support from the area citizens for the bombing range and the supersonic flying in this area.

WE strongly urge you to reconsider your decision and "Keep Cannon".

Sincerely,



Gilbert Chavez

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May 20, 2005

James V. Hansen
Brac Commission
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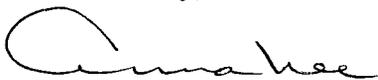
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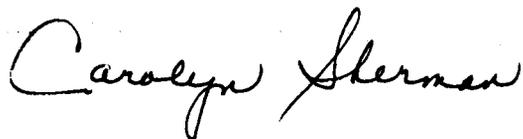
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May 24, 2005

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

Dear Commissioners:

Closing Cannon is a MISTAKE. I spent four years at Duluth, Minnesota. The downtown people hated the military. Military personnel were not even allowed to write a check. Imagine my delight to be transferred to Clovis, NM. Home of the Cannon AFB.

Clovis embraces the military. We celebrate Military Appreciation Day. We have a very symbiotic relationship that is totally unique.

Close Luke. Phoenix would love it. Close some of the other bases that the towns and cities want closed. But do not close Cannon.

Closing Cannon would adversely affect tens of thousands of peoples lives.

Thank you for your time.

Mary E. Weigl

Lesli and Greg Duffield
1528 Lexington Rd
Clovis, NM 88101
505-763-6241

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June 15, 2005

Brigadier General Sue E. Turner
BRAC Commission
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Dear Brigadier General Turner:

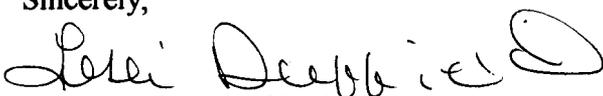
Although the closure of Cannon would negatively impact our community and our personal investment here, being raised as "Air Force Brats" taught us that personal sacrifice is sometimes necessary to protect our freedom. Unlike many Americans our motivations are not always for personal or political gain. Since Cannon AFB does not meet the criteria outlined for base closures and its attributes are so valuable, we find it hard to understand how this sacrifice will have a positive impact on our military readiness.

Although I would like to thank your commission for stimulating our interest in learning more about Cannon, the more we learn the more confused over your decision we become. It is hard to understand how closing a fighter wing is a good decision given recent global events and threats to our Nation on our home turf. How is it that Cannon's abundant airspace, free of encroachments and impending Supersonic training capability is not valuable to our National defense? In addition to the airspace, the weather in Eastern New Mexico allows for virtually year round flying and training capability. With the Melrose bombing-range located so closely to Cannon, it seems to be the ideal location for realistic training of our military pilots. Although Cannon is an Air Force base, it has capacity for expansion facilitating joint military training and operations. While valuable on their own, each of these factors combine, to create an invaluable military asset. At this point, the fact that the cost is minimal seems to be the only positive aspect of the closure.

Finally, my husband and I came to Clovis as military brats, without a real choice. As adults we decided to settle here, open our businesses, and raise our family, because this is a great community. From our military backgrounds, we both understood how it felt to live in places where the military were unwanted. Not only does this community support our military, they have done so for many years in ways that go beyond the normal "hoopla" of support. It gave us even more pride in this community to learn that we acquired and GAVE to the military the airspace with no encroachments, land for additional housing, and land for improvement and expansion. Yes, GAVE to the military! Was this overwhelming support of our Armed Forces forgotten or overlooked?

Since the facts support keeping Cannon, we are left to wonder how this recommendation can possibly be justified. Did you look at the same facts? Is the motivation for this recommendation truly to protect our freedom for future generations? We ask that you re-examine the facts and make sure your individual decision is made for the right reasons.

Sincerely,


Lesli and Greg Duffield



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C. H. JUSTUS, JR. G.R.I.
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Telephone (505) 356-8594
P.O. Box 784
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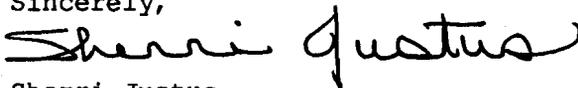
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May 19, 2005

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Mr. Samuel Knox Skinner
BRAC 2005 Commissioner

I am one of the 384 direct civil service civilians along with an additional 1,955 indirect civilians that will lose our jobs by closing Cannon AFB.

My name is Dennis Chalker and I am a 22 year veteran with the USAF. Cannon was my last assignment. I enjoyed this community so much I decided to stay here and make this my home. My wife, (Marge) has been a realtor for 10 years and this is the only home my 13 year old daughter (Kate) has known. My 26 year old son (Nick) has also remained here. This isn't like the old military days when we could expect to move every few years and Marge had to give up her career. We are settled in Clovis therefore, moving really isn't an option for us. My daughter is in the National Honor Society and her junior high band just finished in first place within the state. Moving her would create a war that I don't want to enter.

There is a great deal of pride living in a small town military community. You should have been here when Clovis welcomed the troop's home last summer and you probably heard about the human flag that the hundreds of us participated during the beginning of the War. All you need to do is ask Mrs. Bush about Clovis, she came here during the last election and witnessed first hand how great our community is and how much military pride we have.

I asked a retired bomb loader to explain the advantages of Cannon, vs. a base such as Luke. He said that our planes can take off with live bombs attached and fly to areas such as Melrose range, Nellis AFB, etc. Luke doesn't have this same option. Their planes must take off with a pin on the bomb, land at another base such as Cannon, remove the pin, then take off again to continue their training. It appears that Cannon has the advantage in this area.

What about the area of encroachment. I haven't been to Luke, but talking with people, and looking at a map, it appears that Luke doesn't have any ability to grow. This isn't a problem with Cannon because there is plenty of room to expand to suit any future needs; therefore, it appears that Cannon has the advantage in this area also. Our weather is very good most of the year and I would assume that our operating expenses would be much less than Luke. Air easements and land were purchased by Curry County and the state of New Mexico and given to the Air Force. Did the community around Luke do the same for their base? I am not trying to imply that Luke should be closed, but between these two bases Cannon has several advantages that must be considered.

Maybe the F-16 is becoming a little old but moving them to another base, won't make the planes any younger. Won't they will still be the same age? Therefore, what is the advantage? Correct me if I am wrong, but I believe that Cannon AFB pilots, along with

these "older F-16 aircraft", played a key role at the beginning of the Iraq war and are still playing a vital role today. Also, our personnel continue having rotations to this area.

I keep hearing we need to downsize because the "Cold War" is over. Aren't the Iraq, Iran, North Korea and our own Homeland Security situations something to be extremely concerned with? Is this the best time to downsize our military force? Couldn't we save an enormous amount of money by changing our Government's spending habits? Every Govt. employee is aware of the ridiculous amount of money being wasted on a variety of things because many people have the feeling that it isn't their money being spent. These same people will have the same philosophy whether they are at Cannon or any other base. You have the power to put a moratorium on spending just like we had on furniture back in the late 1970's.

Your own figures show that there will be a 20.5% drop in employment in our area. That will be devastating until the community is able to recover. Not only will myself and hundreds of other people be in this 20.5% unemployed group but, my wife's loss of income has already been felt by people canceling contracts on homes and the general slowdown on home purchases. If necessary, we can always let our home foreclose and file bankruptcy. I never considered that as an option before. What about the many other private citizens which have no military ties. These folks will also lose money on the dropping home values and economy, yet the Homeowner Assistant Program (HAP) will not be there to help these people. You are going to hurt a great many people who depend on Cannon from as far away as Roswell, Lubbock and Amarillo also.

I understand 53.7 million dollars have been recently spent on contracts to renovate or build: a new runway, fire department, runway lighting, new hangers, civil engineering complex, logistic complex, new front gate, remodeled dormitories, fencing around the entire base, etc. Whether Cannon AFB remains an F-16 base, or we change aircraft, the bottom line is the base combined with the supersonic capabilities, does have military value and should remain open.

Thank you for your support in voting to keep Cannon AFB open and allowing many of us to stay off the unemployment line.


Dennis Chalker
3609 Earlmont
Clovis, NM 88101
dchalker@cox.net

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Geraldine Gross,
508 N. Tennessee
Cordova N.H. 88101

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Dear Mem,

I have lived in Cordova all my life and Cannon AFB. means a lot to our town yes it may be small but our community and Cannon have a bond. The base and people there are like our family, this change will be very drastic and will hurt our community the Air force or any base will benefit with our Air space. Please look over reason as to why you (Base Commission) think our base should close

Thank you
for your time
Geraldine Gross
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Dear Admiral Harold W. Gehman Jr.

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The Inebow bombing range was supported by the local residents and N.M. Commission of Public Lands and without Cannon, that bombing range is not feasible.

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The availability of air space and ideal flying weather makes Cannon the perfect candidate to support future training mission for the F-22, Joint Strike Fighter, and other military aircraft.

The relationship between Cannon and the surrounding area: Clovis, Potosi, West Texas and others is unlike any other installation in the country.

It has been estimated that closing of Cannon will cost loss of many jobs, and have a great negative impact on the economy than any other area in the Country.

Sincerely

Anna Mae Smith



BRAC Commission Members,

I am writing to request that you consider **keeping Cannon AFB open!** Closing Cannon would have a devastating effect on our small community. Clovis is a small town of approximately 35 thousand people. Clovis is a community with a big heart and an incredible relationship with the military community at Cannon. We have 350 days of sunshine, mild winters, **no encroachment issues, plenty of space for expansion and clearance for flying supersonic flights.**

Closing a base isn't really a cost savings when you factor in all the money that has to be spent to close a base, maintain buildings and environmental clean up. All personal will have to relocate to other bases, where is the savings? In the past few years, millions maybe billions of dollars have been spent on Cannon. Cannon has **2 new runways, control tower, hangers, brand new front gate** equipped with anti-terrorist devices, **fire department and dormitories.** The majority of the buildings on Cannon have been replaced over the last few years.

Where will planes flying over Melrose Bombing Range divert to when there is an **in flight emergency?** Albuquerque is 224 miles, Alamogordo is 245 miles and Amarillo is 105 miles. **Time is critical to the safety of Air Force resources when flying multi million dollar aircraft during emergencies.** The local airport isn't equipped to handle large aircraft.

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Please consider **Cannon AFB for expansion,** not closure.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Oswald

6-16-05
BRAC COMMISSION
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

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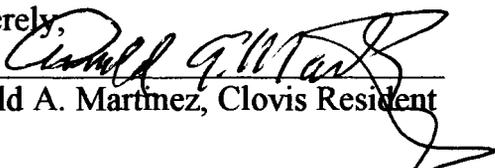
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I do not claim to be so knowledgeable about how and why you have made your decision to close this particular base, but I am perplexed as to the lack of consideration Cannon is getting for such things as unlimited air space, the location of the base, a bombing range and the capability to expand its facilities to accommodate bigger and longer runways, more personnel and more planes.

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I promised myself to make this short; I know it will be very difficult for you to take Cannon off the Brac list. You are very intelligent and knowledgeable people and worked very hard to come up with this list. Please re-review the data and do the right thing and take Cannon off the Brac list now and forever.

Sincerely,


Arnold A. Martinez, Clovis Resident

May 20, 2005

BRAC COMMISSION
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May 22, 2005
413 W Plaza Drive
Box 16
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**BRAC Commission
Received**
6/23/2005

The Honorable Sue Ellen Turner,

I am very concerned about the BRAC Commission's decision to close Cannon Air Force Base.

I do not believe the Commission is fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers our national defense such as; pilots ability to fly supersonic during training missions, our good weather conditions, Melrose bombing range located minutes away, spaces and facilities to accommodate joint warfare training, the support Cannon can offers other military aircraft in training programs.

The entire area would hurt if you close Cannon. We have never fought the base but have embraced it with open heart, not only here in New Mexico but in surrounding area like our neighbors in Texas who would also lose if the base is closed. People, retirees come for miles and rely on Cannon.

*Please reconsider looking at all facts and please **KEEP CANNON!***

Sincerely,



Racheal Medina

Dear Mr. Principi, Ms. Turner, Mr. Bilbray, Mr. Coyle, Mr. Gehman, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Hill, Mr. Newton, & Mr. Skinner

I am a concerned citizen and family member of the Cannon family in Curry County, New Mexico. I am writing you today to inform you that including Cannon Air Force Base on the BRAC list for closure has been a grave mistake. A mistake that I feel confident will be brought to light in your research, and a mistake that you will act upon by removing Cannon from the closure list. Above all reasons we may list as reasons to remove us from this list I want to point out that we, and Cannon personnel are family. When you talk of taking our family away it hurts the core of who we are, and hurts our heart.

Below I will point out ways our community has reached out and supported the base like no other community over the last 50 years. We've done so financially, morally, spiritually and above all, consistently. I have also listed reasons why we feel Cannon should be considered a viable and valuable resource to our national and global defense.

- Cannon **does not fit the criteria** provided for base closure.
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- Once the **New Mexico Training Range Initiative** is implemented, we will be able to offer pilots the ability to fly supersonic during training missions. This is a very important point, as it allows the Air Force to better train for real-life situations.
- The **weather in Eastern New Mexico** provides year round training ability.
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- Cannon has **ample space/ramp space** to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations.
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- **The relationship** between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, West Texas, and others, is unlike any other installation in the country.
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Clovis has a strong 50-year relationship with Cannon and the military.

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- The local community purchased the land north of Cannon Air Force Base and **GAVE** it back to the Air Force for additional housing, now known as Chavez Manor.
- Within the last few years, our community purchased land west of Cannon and **GAVE** it back to the Air Force for the installation of instrument lighting on the alternate runway at the base.
- Leaders within our community spearheaded the effort to expand and convert the air space to supersonic capability through the New Mexico Training Range Initiative.

I am looking forward for your visit to our area so we can show you how valuable our relationship is with Cannon, as well as how valuable Cannon is to our country.

In summary, it comes down to two valued reasons why Cannon should **not** be closed:

- 1) Cannon is a valued current and future asset to our military forces and
- 2) Quite possibly the most important reason I write this note is that Cannon is our family, and has been for over 50 years. Please, we do not want to lose members of our family... please do not send our family away.

Sincerely,

Grace (Kreider) Quigg
nephew
son
Speaker of
House in
MO for 10 years

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BRAC Commission
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June 2, 2005

Honorable James V. Hanson
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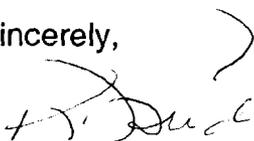
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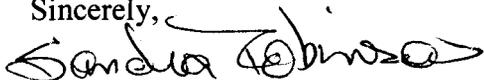
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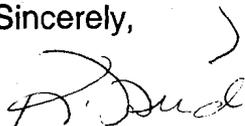
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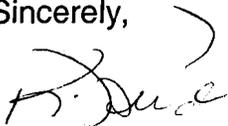
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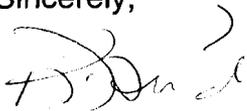
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Attention: 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission

Subject: Keep Cannon Open

Base/Installation/Facility: Cannon Air Force Base

State: New Mexico

Dear BRAC Commissioners:

We are writing regarding the Department of Defense's recommendation Cannon Air Force Base be closed.

We want to make you aware of our family's concerns about this before a final decision is made:

1. It is one base where pilots can make many bombing runs due to a large amount of close space and good weather year around (saves money, time, and adds more practice runs).
2. We have family members who are retired military and go there for medical services which will mean more travel and expense for older veterans.
3. We have family members who live in the Clovis area and who were previously stationed at Cannon. The financial impact it will have on the area would be devastating to this small community. It is a rural area that attracts little industry, so this will affect the small community more than if it were an urban area (businesses, public schools, colleges, etc.).
4. The surrounding area has been very supportive of Cannon (even donating land recently); please support it by taking Cannon Air Force Base off the closure list.
5. The supersonic air space could be expanded by the Air Force for future use by the military (the F-16 or other aircraft that could be used at this base).

Please come and visit Cannon and Clovis so you can see first-hand what Cannon does for our community, and how our community has supported Cannon Air Force Base.

Keep Cannon Open:



Gary and Linda Jones
1809 Currier Avenue
Artesia, NM 88210
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**BRAC Commission
Received**
6/17/2005

June 2, 2005

Honorable Anthony J. Principi:

I have lived in Clovis for almost seven years. Being from a much larger city out east I was not used to small town culture, but was amazed at this one. This community's culture is based on Cannon Air Force Base. Knowing what that base means to this community and the lives here that are dependent on the base, I ask that you look at all the criteria before making the decision to close the base.

Sincerely,



Mandy Gaussoin

**BRAC Commission
Received**
6/17/2005

June 7, 2005

Mr. & Mrs. Ernesto Pinon
616 Sara Layne
Clovis, New Mexico 88101

Admiral Harold W. Gehman Jr.,

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Respectfully Yours,



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2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear Commission Members:

This letter may surprise you as I am not a resident of Curry County, or for that matter, New Mexico. However, I do have a past in Curry and Roosevelt counties. I lived there for about six years while stationed at Cannon AFB, and lasting through my graduation from Eastern New Mexico University. So, I feel I am qualified to offer an opinion on the decision to close, or not, Cannon AFB.

Since moving from that area many years ago, I have continued to keep open the possibility of perhaps moving back someday if for no other reason than as a retirement home. A key factor in a decision to return to that area for living will be the robustness and overall vitality of the economic conditions. I feel that without Cannon AFB contributing that the local community, and region, will lose its most important economic and cultural driving engine. This, in my opinion, will be negatively catastrophic for the future of the region.

While I am obviously unable to speak expertly on the utility of the base itself to the current mission of the Air Force, I know from its long history at it's current location that there are many positive military operational reasons (weather, topography, logistics, community relations, etc.) for the base to remain in that area. Accordingly, I urge the BRAC commission to reconsider the closing of Cannon. All things being equal, please give Cannon an edge over any other potential closing because it is unlikely that any other will rise to the same level of negative regional economic impact.

Respectfully submitted,


Michael Williams
616 Whitesburg Dr.
Knoxville, TN 37918

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The Honorable Philip Coyle
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Coyle:

When my father (Col. Gerald H. Simnacher) retired from the Air Force, his ceremony was held in your office at the Pentagon. I remember that day as a milestone in our family's history marking the end of 27 years in the Air Force Family. I treasure my memories of our nomadic life and the lessons I learned in every new home.

Before my husband and I moved to Clovis in December 2001, I never appreciated the civilian perspective of Air Force personnel and military presence in the communities surrounding a base. I have been amazed by the importance that Clovis residents and leadership place on nurturing a warm relationship with Cannon Air Force Base personnel.

People in Clovis make an effort to make Air Force families feel welcome and know that their sacrifices are deeply appreciated. During the IRAQ War our community hosted a "Patriotic Day in the Park" to support the spouses left behind while most of the base was deployed. While their loved ones were in harms way, we—their neighbors—felt responsible to help provide encouragement and a sense of normalcy to these families. In my experience this "open arms" approach is not typical of host cities.

The purpose of this letter is to encourage you and your colleagues on the BRAC Commission to make sincere efforts to understand the full military value of Cannon Air Force Base and take into consideration the unique relationship between this military base and this civilian community.

Some things I hope you will remember:

- Eastern New Mexico provides a low cost environment for the military. Cannon AFB carries out its mission in exemplary fashion, very cost effectively.
- Located in a highly supportive environment, Cannon receives few complaints from civilian residents faced with the unavoidable inconveniences and irritations associated with flying missions.
- Lack of encroachment around Cannon AFB means that the political price of the mission is low and offers opportunities for growth and expansion. Coupled with low operation costs, eastern New Mexico is prime military real estate.
- Removing bases from rural areas reduces the opportunity for positive interaction between civilian and military communities. Historically, high numbers of military members hail from rural America. Abandoning middle America will have long reaching effects for military recruitment.
- Concentrating military installations in metropolitan areas further exacerbates the stresses of high-density population areas. The USAF is only one more employer. One more corporation among hundreds—a corporation whose

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SUBJECT: KEEP CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, CLOVIS, NM

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- Centralizing assets (especially in populated regions) provides broader targets and greater destructive impact for bold terrorists. Pearl Harbor would have been less disastrous if the Navy's assets had been more dispersed.
- When the military becomes synonymous with the corporate military complex average Americans lose appreciation for the military-ethos. Small-town Americans, in my opinion, share that ethos of service, patriotism, duty, and sacrifice—we identify with the men and women who serve.

Air Force personnel serve our country in many ways, even outside their primary duties. As the executive director of United Way of Eastern New Mexico, I can testify to the huge impact that Cannon personnel make on the communities in Clovis and Portales. In 2004 CAFB active duty personnel, contributed over 10,000 hours of volunteer labor to help the most vulnerable citizens in our area. Cannon personnel touch the lives of thousands:

- Building Habitat for Humanity homes (90% of physical work done by CAFB folks),
- Mentoring children as Big Brothers and Big Sisters (80% of adult mentors are military),
- Advocating for children thrust into the court system (65% of Court Appointed Special Advocates are from Cannon),
- Sorting tons of donated food (airmen work weekly at local food bank),
- Leading scouting troops,
- Tutoring, mentoring, helping out at half the schools in our district and
- Improving Christmas for orphans and foster children (in 2004 military members donated over 750 hours and over \$10,000 in gifts or cash for these, sometimes forgotten, kids).

As the largest, most progressive employer in eastern New Mexico, the Air Force is intimately connected to the spirit, identity, and the welfare of our citizens.

If I could be of any help to you, please don't hesitate to call on me—505-714-1766 or erinnburch@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,



Erinn Burch

P.S. Mr. Coyle, I hope that you will take the opportunity to visit Clovis June 24th and see for yourself the interdependent nature of Air Force and eastern New Mexico's success.

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I want to personally plead with you to consider and re-consider your previous decision concerning the closing of CAFB. Please think of the impact this is having on our local area communities and our economy. I am employed by a small business here in Clovis. Many of our customers are military families and we enjoy working with them. The loss of CAFB would also mean the loss of many wonderful people to our community and of course, a great financial loss to our businesses.

Clovis is a great place to live and CAFB is vital to our country's security..

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Chairman Anthony J. Principi
BRAC Commission
2521 S Clark St. Suite 600
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Dear Chairman Principi,

I want to thank you for the additional members of the commission planning to attend the meeting in Clovis concerning the closure of Cannon Air Force Base. Once again, I want to stress the importance of all nine commissioners attending the meeting.

I believe by this time, the commission has realized there have been errors by The Department of Defense's recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base.

It is very important that all nine members of the commission hear the facts in person, at the hearing scheduled the 24th here in Clovis.

Again Thank You,



Donald K. Reid
1412 Arcineiga Dr
Clovis NM 88101

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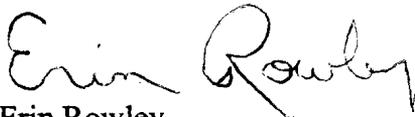
I am writing this letter in reference to the recent proposed closure of Cannon Air Force Base near Clovis, New Mexico. I have lived in Clovis for over 15 years and in that time I have developed very close relationships with many military families. I used to teach at the Clovis Nazarene School, which is largely made up of children from military families. During the beginning of the Iraq war many of the fathers of these kids were deployed. We became a support system for the children at the school as well as the mothers. In my involvement I was truly heartened to see not only the schools support for these people but the community as a whole.

I do not understand the Department of Defense's rationale for placing Cannon on the BRAC list. The Clovis area is very supportive of the base and the military families. Eastern New Mexico has large open air space with unbelievable flying conditions. Additionally area communities recently rallied for support of the expansion of air space and super sonic capabilities of the nearby Melrose bombing range. The base is located just west of Clovis with all new development occurring north and east of the city. Therefore, there are no encroachment issues and instead of being slated for closing the base should be expanding.

I know Cannon has won several awards for being the best in the Air Force. Not even considering the large detrimental economic impact the closure would have on the area, when one considers all of the positive amenities the base has it makes absolutely no sense to close Cannon Air Force Base.

Please save our base.

Sincerely,



Erin Rowley
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Clovis, New Mexico 88101
505-763-3483

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ATTENTION: The Honorable James H. Bilbray

RE: Cannon Air Force Base Closure

Dear Mr. Bilbray,

We are senior citizens of Clovis, New Mexico. Ralph was in field service with General Dynamics (now Lockheed Martin) and was assigned to Cannon AFB as part of a Special Forces Repair team to assist Air Force personnel with electronic maintenance of the F-111D during 1974-78. Because of the respect he received, as well as for all service personnel, from this community, the great weather, the open spaces, and hometown atmosphere, we decided to move to Clovis from Arlington, Texas when we retired.

Clovis NEEDS and FULLY supports Cannon Air Force Base. Plains Regional Hospital has expanded its services, new doctors have come to Clovis, new businesses are coming to our city, our schools are augmented by the revenues collected for service and civil employees. Our churches welcome the diversity of Air Force personnel. A large military retirement population in eastern New Mexico and western Texas receive services offered at Cannon Air Force Base. Clovis is a city that is proud to be the home of Cannon Air Force Base. The sound of jet engines flying over our city is "music to our ears".

Our son is a mechanic at Bender Honda-Nissan and has stated to us that over 50% of his work involves Air Force personnel. He said he would have to move from Clovis to have enough work to support his family. That sentiment is repeated all over the city of Clovis.

Thank you for coming to our city for the BRAC hearings. Our city and surrounding communities, county, and state representatives look forward to sharing with you why Cannon should be removed from the recommended closure list. We welcome the opportunity to help you understand why we know Cannon Air Force Base is a vital facility, not only to our city and surrounding communities, but more importantly, to the defense of our nation.

Sincerely,



Ralph and Selma Hines
178 Sandzen Drive
Clovis, NM 88101

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James H. Bilbray:

I have lived in Clovis for almost seven years. Being from a much larger city out east I was not used to small town culture, but was amazed at this one. This community's culture is based on Cannon Air Force Base. Knowing what that base means to this community and the lives here that are dependent on the base, I ask that you look at all the criteria before making the decision to close the base.

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Mandy Gaussoin

Dear Harold W. Grehman Jr.,

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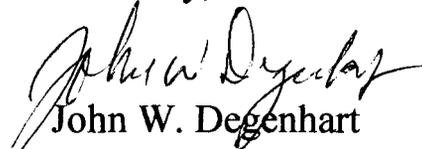
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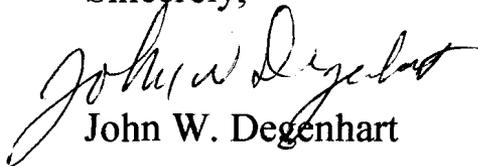
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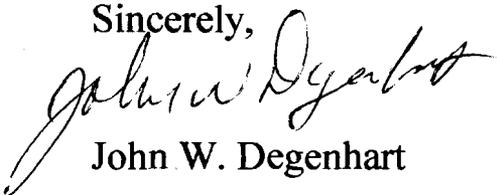
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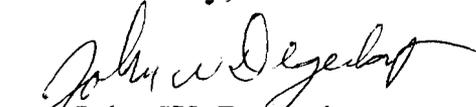
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**Phil Williams
321 W. Kathie Dr.
Clovis, NM 88101**

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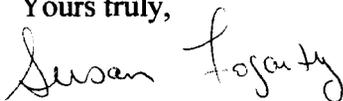
I am writing to you to express my strong disagreement with the current recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico. Our country is currently fighting two wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and a third war against terror. Now is not the time to drastically restructure the military bases on our home soil.

After reviewing the data released by the Department of Defense, and listening to the presentations at the public hearing in Clovis on June 24, I am convinced that the Department of Defense made several significant mistakes when recommending Cannon for closure. Cannon was not given the appropriate number of points for having two runways, a large nearby supersonic training space and bombing range, and virtually unlimited potential for growth. (Compare Luke in Phoenix for growth/encroachment issues.) Cannon will always be a low cost base when compared with others.

The nearby Clovis airport is being expanded with longer runways to accommodate jets. This is just one example of the extraordinary support shown for the base by the local community. I know this is not a formal criteria for keeping the base, but where else has the local community purchased space around a base and donated it for base security and housing? A related issue, which should receive some consideration, is that the economic impact on the local community will be the most of any base closing in the country, and twice as damaging as the impact on any other community. We will lose between 20% and 30% of our jobs and local economy. Our housing market will be devastated for decades. In fact, since we are relatively isolated from major metropolitan areas with diversified economies, the closure of Cannon will be a death knell for this community. No place else will be so affected.

Therefore, I urge you to reject the recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base. Thank you for listening to my request.

Yours truly,



Susan Fogarty



July 6, 2005

Dear Members of BRAC Commission,

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We would like the opportunity to voice our personal opinion about Cannon Air Force Base (Clovis, New Mexico) being included on the BRAC list of base closures. We were assigned to Cannon AFB from England in 1985. It was a culture shock for the entire family after nine years overseas and my wife being a native of England. We were not thrilled about being stationed here; this area is to say the least very little like England. Over time Clovis and Cannon AFB grew on us and became our home. Our three children all attended the public schools and graduated from Clovis High School and we became members of Clovis First Church of the Nazarene. We all became very involved in our community and as is required with the military life adjusted well to our new surroundings. Cannon AFB is unique even to the military in that all dependent children attend local schools. The military children are not segregated to a school on the base, but mingle and learn with children from all different backgrounds. The children from the base bring great strengths and experiences to the Clovis students and the natives share equally valuable experiences with the military children. Do you know how many military children had never seen a dairy? Do you know how many Clovis children have not lived outside this city?

I retired in 1990 and chose to stay here because our children were in High School. Even moving to town the base was close for healthcare and grocery shopping. My wife was an Educational Assistant, has attended and graduated from ENMU-Portales, with a teaching degree, earned her citizenship and has taught kindergarten for 14 years with the Clovis Municipal Schools. Our children have since attended area colleges, married, blessed us with grandchildren and settled down in New Mexico and West Texas. Cannon AFB is home to many people like us, retirees who have chosen to make Clovis our home. We rely on the base for medical, groceries, and more. We would have to drive four hours to the nearest military installation in Albuquerque. The school my wife has taught at for 14 years serves military families and would consequently be closed if the base were to close.

The Clovis community is one of the strongest and most supportive communities we have lived in during my 21 years of active duty. There is not one business, church or organization in this town that is not a staunch military supporter. As a "retired" family of the Clovis community we appeal to you that our base be removed from your closure list. Thank you for taking the time to visit Clovis and listen to the words of a community that supports our military family.

Ray & Yvonne Haynie (SMS Ret.)

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MELROSE BOMBING RANGE
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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in response to the recent decision to put Cannon AFB on the Brac list. I do believe that this is a big mistake. I am a military retiree and work at the Cannon AFB commissary. Not only do I see regular customers from the local area shopping here and using other facilities here on base, I also see retiree's that come from Amarillo, Lubbock, Roswell, and other areas in Eastern New Mexico and West Texas. These areas are home to a large military retiree population that rely on Cannon Air Force Base for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more. There is not another installation close by to serve our retired military in all of these areas. I would say that we serve people in about a 130 to 150 mile radius.

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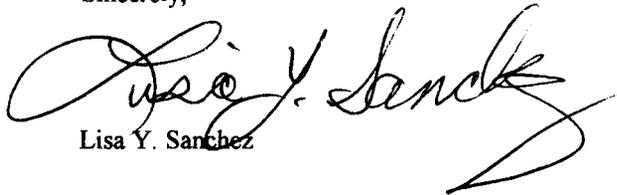
Although I have only lived in Clovis, NM for 11 years, I know that Cannon Air Force Base is very important to the community of Clovis, NM and surrounding areas. I want to help make the Commission fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include the massive amount of airspace which is suitable for training at supersonic speed, many new and existing facilities suitable for joint training exercises, and a low-cost environment that promotes cost-efficient training. I believe the facilities at Cannon Air Force Base are the best in the nation as far as simulating the conditions of the current war in Iraq, which is the main reason that the Commission would be making a big mistake in closing Cannon.

Whether or not Cannon's military value has been recognized yet in Washington, the communities surrounding Cannon really appreciate the base. The local communities have been uniquely supportive, donating time and land to promote the base's needs. The base personnel have always been welcomed by the community. There are also many veterans in the area that have made it clear that they feel at home here and would lose facilities that are critical to them if the base closes. We consider Cannon and its retirees a part of our family and would hate to see them suffer after having supported their country during their time in service.

The closure of Cannon would have a devastating impact on the Clovis economy and surrounding communities. It has been estimated that the area will lose at least 20 percent of its workforce, a percentage that is way out of line with the effect of base closings in other communities. Cannon is critical for everyone in Clovis and the surrounding communities.

I invite you to come personally to the Cannon hearing in Clovis. I ask you to please reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to the people of the Clovis area. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!!!

Sincerely,



Lisa Y. Sanchez

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Mr Samuel Skinner
BRAC Commission

Re Cannon AFB

From

Western Investment Properties, LLC
(a local apartment owner & manager)

Dear

Mr Skinner

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We are one of the largest apartment owners here in Clonin, N.M. If Cannon AFB closes down, we feel we have a decent chance of staying in business. After talking to a number of other owners here in town, very few of them will be able to stay afloat due to their debt service.

We think the military reason to keep the bar open are obvious. This is just another of the Clonin businesses that will be ruined if the bar shuts down. We don't feel it is fair that Clonin has to take such a disproportionate hit compared to the other closures proposed.

Thank you

Western Investment Prop, LLC

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Lloyd W. Newton:

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Brigadier General Sue E. Turner,

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I am positive that each base has a strong argument, but I would be shocked if theirs was as compelling as ours.

I do not have enough room to list all the points for keeping the base I feel confident that that will all be layed out on your visit. I am asking you to keep an open mind.

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Sincerely,
Coach Mike Walton

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General James T Hill,

Please take time to reconsider closing Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, NM. I am sure the other bases have strong arguments, but I do not feel they have an argument as compelling as ours.

Here are several points I hope you consider:

1. Cannon does not fit criteria for closure
2. Ability to fly supersonic
3. Weather = year round training
4. Bombing range w/in seconds
5. Candidate for F-22 training
6. Disturbing impact on community/surrounding areas

Thank you for taking time to consider these points. There are many other points to consider when you visit.

Sincerely,
Coach Mike Walton

Admiral Harold W Grehman Jr,

Please consider all of the unique attributes that Cannon Air Force Base has to offer when making your final decision.

Thank You



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The Honorable James V Hansen

Please consider all of the unique attributes that Cannon Air Force Base has to offer in keeping our Air Force the best in the world. I know you have a very tough job, but please keep an open mind when making your final decision.

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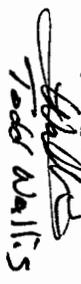
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Todd Wallis
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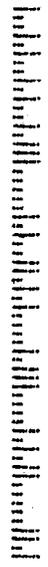
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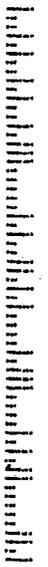
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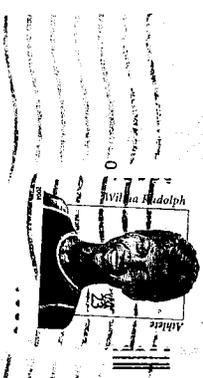


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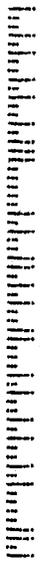
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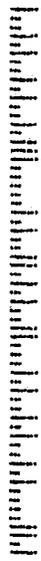
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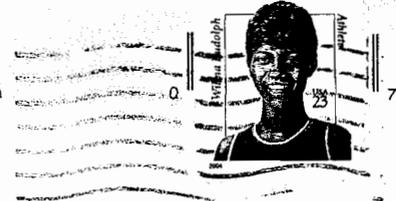
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