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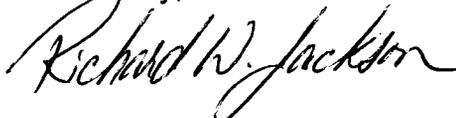
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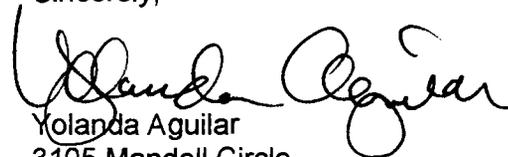
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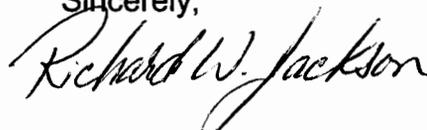
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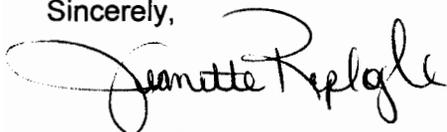
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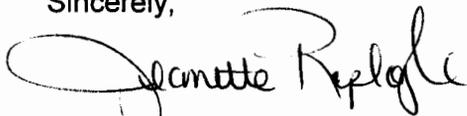
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BRAC Commission
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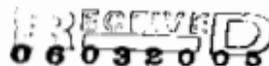
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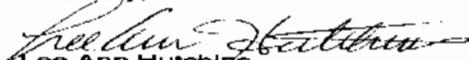
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8224 N. Prince St.
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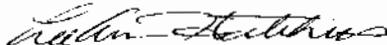
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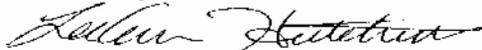
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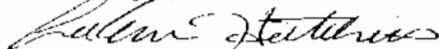
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Bob Hunt

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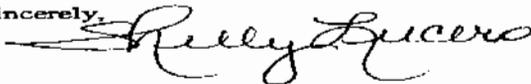
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BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

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Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

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Sincerely,

Robin M Skelton

Robin M. Skelton
9709 A New York Court
Clovis, New Mexico 88101

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May 27, 2005

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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

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Dear Chairman Principi:

I urge you to overturn the Department of Defense's BRAC recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base.

Cannon Air Force Base should not be on the BRAC closure list for many reasons. I've listed some of the key reasons below:

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Sincerely,



Tom M. Phelps
1709 St. Andrews Dr.
Clovis, New Mexico 88101

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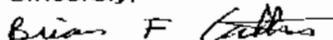
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Sincerely,



Brian F. Cathey
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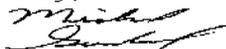
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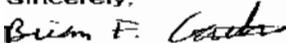
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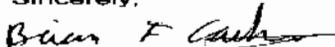
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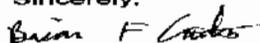
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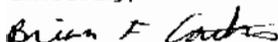
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- Unrestricted airspace
- Weather good year round
- Close proximity to the McRose bombing range
- Encroachment not an issue
- Community that supports base families 100%
- Excellent base facilities

Please re-evaluate Cannon Air Force Base and remove them from the closure list.

Sincerely,



Gregory L. Burns
1909 Fairway Terrace
Clovis, New Mexico 88101

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Sincerely,



David Varney
1608 Axtell St.
Clovis, NM 88101

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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
RANK Commission
2501 South Clark Street, Suite 500
Arlington, Virginia, 22202

Reopening: Reopening Cannon AZE from the RANK file

To: Honorable Anthony J. Principi

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Sincerely,
Katie Padilla
137 West
Clavis, WA 99101

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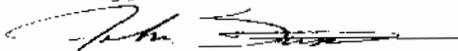
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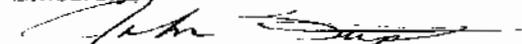
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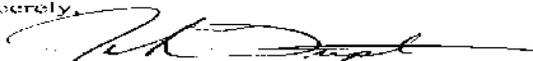
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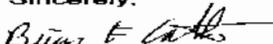
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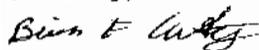
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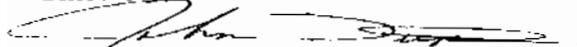
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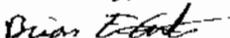
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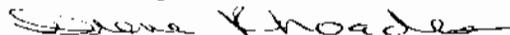
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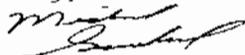
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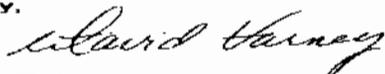
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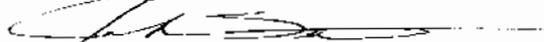
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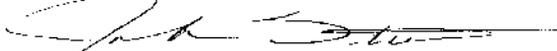
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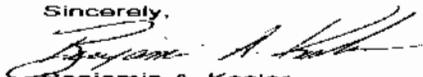
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Benjamin A. Kesler
1107 N. Norris #G
Clovis, New Mexico 88101

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May 21, 2005

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Dear Sir or Madam:

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PLEASE SAVE CANNON!!!
Vote Number one.

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May 31, 2005

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

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Date: 5-27-05

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Subject: Reconsider and take Cannon AFB off the closure list

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Signed Rhea D. [Signature]

PS: On a personal note,

May 31, 2005

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Arlington, VA 22202

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

Sincerely,



Richard W. Jackson
1912 Enloe Dr.
Clovis, NM. 88101

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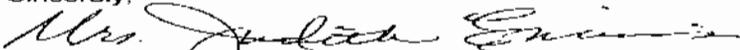
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Date: May 26, 2005

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Subject: ~~Reconsider~~ and take Cannon AFB off the closure list

Signed Gay E. Tenorio

PS: On a personal note,

May 31, 2005

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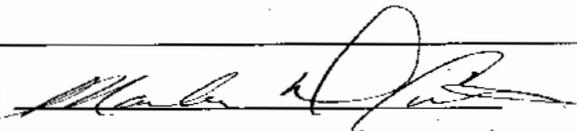
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Date: *May 24, 2005*

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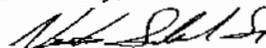
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- Cannon Air Force Base has its own Bombing Range and unlimited airspace.
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Sincerely,



Victor Sandoval Jr.
313 Reid Street
Clovis, New Mexico 88101

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

Re: Removing Cannon Air Force Base from the Closure List

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1044 York Dr.
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Sincerely,



Debbie Durham
8224 N. Prince St.
Clovis, New Mexico 88101

June 1, 2005

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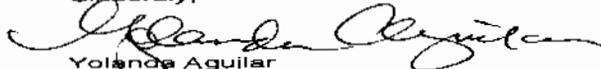
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Sincerely,



Yolanda Aguilar
3105 Mandell Circle
Clovis, NM 88101

PS. On a personal note, as a parent of school age children, I appreciate the diversity of people that are stationed here and the opportunity it provides all children to meet and form relationships with children and families from all regions of our great USA.

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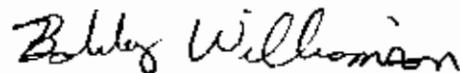
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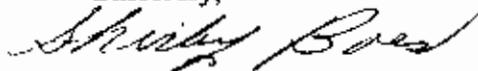
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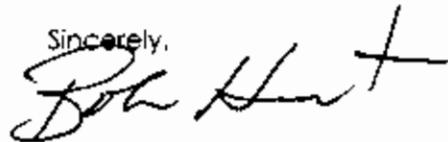
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Bob Hunt

P.S. On a personal note, I remember the adverse impact closing Walker Air Force Base had on Roswell, N.M. in 1967. The right thing to do would be to Keep Cannon Open.

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General Lloyd W. Newton
BRAC Commission
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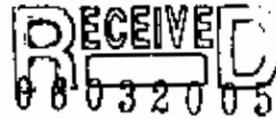
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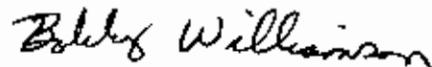
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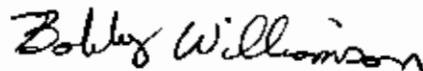
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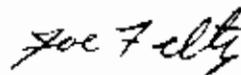
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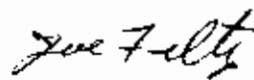
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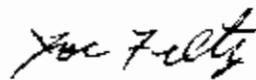
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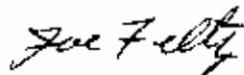
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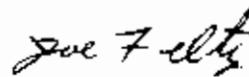
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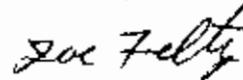
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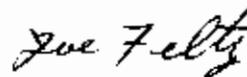
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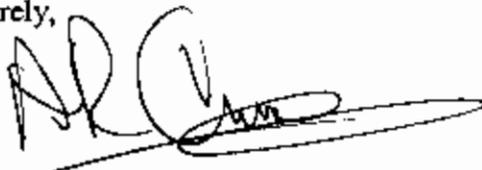
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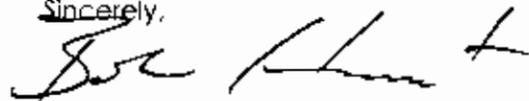
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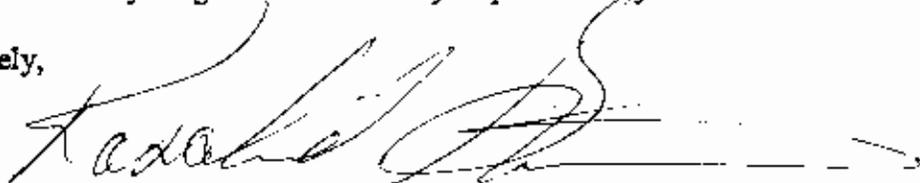
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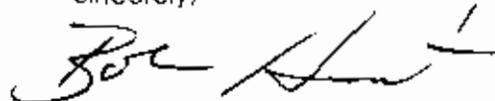
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Bob Hunt

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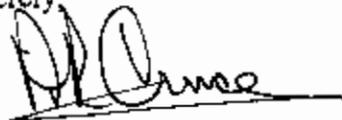
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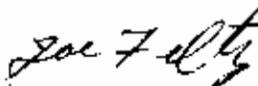
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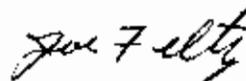
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BRAC Commission
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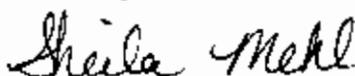
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In summary, Cannon Air Force Base is very important to our community! I ask you to please come to the Cannon hearing in Clovis, and reconsider Cannon's importance to my community and to the nation as a whole. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,



Sheila Mehl
113 Lockwood Dr.
Clovis, NM 88101

May 31, 2005

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The Honorable James V. Hansen
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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Re: Removing Cannon Air Force Base from the Closure List

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Sincerely,



Stella Chavez
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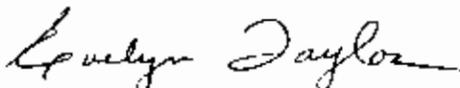
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Victor Sandoval Jr.
313 Reid Street
Clovis, New Mexico 88101

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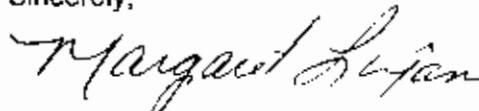
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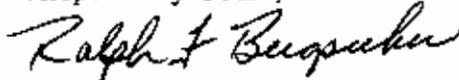
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Whether or not Cannon's military value has been recognized yet in Washington, out here we the community really appreciate and many retirees and their families depend on our Air Force base. The local community has been uniquely supportive, donating time and land to promote the air base's needs. We have also welcomed the personnel. The many veterans in the area make it clear that they feel at home here. We consider Cannon and its retirees a part of our family.

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I invite you to come personally to the Cannon hearing in Clovis. I will personally be there. I ask you to please reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to my community. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,

John C Workman USAF Retired

PS. See enclosed reasons.

BRAC Commission
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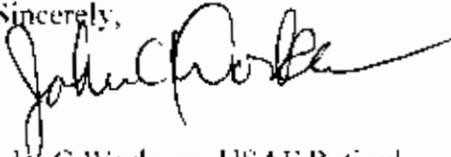
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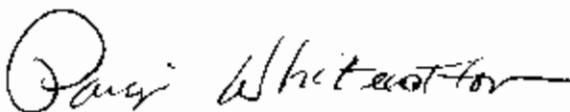
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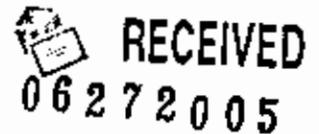
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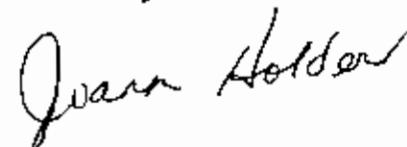
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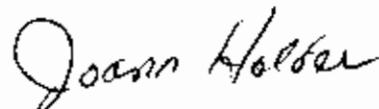
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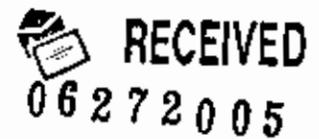
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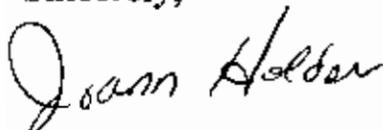
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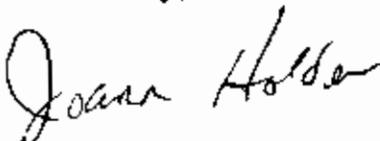
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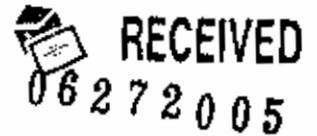
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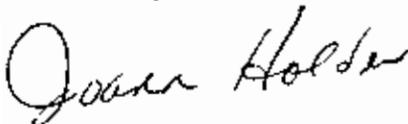
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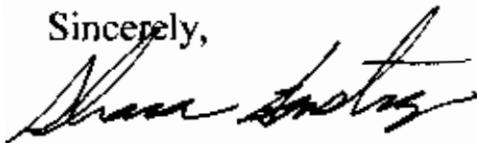
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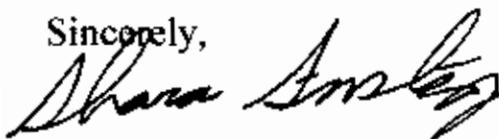
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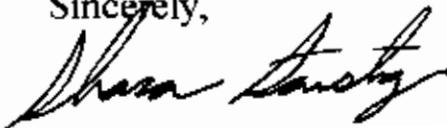
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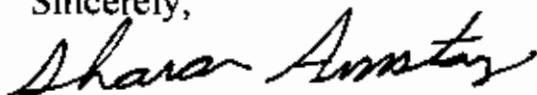
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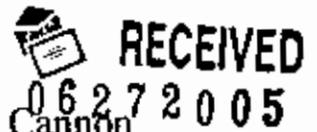
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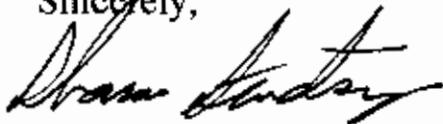
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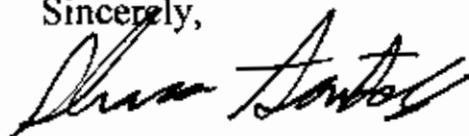
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