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July 8, 2005

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

Commission Members:

I would like to personally say Thank You to the BRAC commissioners who were able to tour the facilities at Cannon Air Force Base and attend our recent Base Realignment and Closure regional hearing on June 24, 2005.

I was among the crowd who lined our streets waving flags. I attended the BRAC hearing and listened to the testimony given and participated in the rally following the meeting.

The nine who testified on behalf of Cannon provided information and criteria that needs to be considered in finalizing the report that will be transmitted to the President.

The communities of Clovis and Portales and surrounding areas showed tremendous support in keeping Cannon open by closing some of our businesses and letting employees off so they could participate. We hope this show of support will affect the outcome of the reconsiderations.

The planning, work and coordination that so many gave in their time, and resources was amazing. Those who gave the presentations did an outstanding job. The information given is imperative to take into account when assessing Cannon's military value and the devastating impact its' closure would mean for our communities.

A compelling, factual, fervent plea has been presented and it is our sincere hope that the commissioners will remove Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis New Mexico from the base closure list for the good of the American people.

Sincerely,



Susan A. Adams

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Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

Dear BRAC Commissioner:

I am very concerned about the Department of Defense's recommendation that Cannon Air Force Base should be closed.

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

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Sincerely,

Melinda Adams



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Mark Prickett
Marketing Director
Ruby Tequila's Mexican Kitchen

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BRAC Commissioner, Chairman Anthony Principi

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Please reconsider and take Cannon Air Force Base off the base closure list because:

KEY MILITARY FACTS:

- Abundance in air space with no encroachments
- Safer, more realistic training scenarios for all types of planes and missions
- Once implemented, supersonic flying through the N.M. Training Range Initiative
- Great year-round weather for flying conditions
- Melrose bombing range is seconds away
- New runways on the base—two runways, not just one
- Ample space and ramp space for surge force requirements
- Support of training missions for F-22, F-35, Joint Strike Fighter, etc.
- Award winning base on ACC, Air Force, and NAF levels
- A relationship like none other with the communities of Clovis, Portales, and the surrounding areas
- Large military retiree population within a 150 mile radius

KEY COMMUNITY FACTS:

- \$60 million expansion to Plains Regional Medical Center with new Heart, and Cancer Wings, 10,000 sq. ft. Rehab Center as well as the addition of 60+ new medical staff
- Expansions to Clovis Community College and Eastern NM University—classes offered on base
- New VA Clinic opened this year
- Expansion and new industry is providing job opportunities for spouses and children
- Many new housing developments are providing housing needs
- New restaurants, building suppliers, and retail businesses adding to the established base
- New Civic Center under construction for increased community events
- Military discounts offered by local businesses
- The best schools and teaching staff in NM
- A Christian-based community that is family oriented and caring
- Portales community was not considered in the economic impact of closure

Signed:

(Ind)
Fortunato Cordova

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*Keep Cannon I have been
a resident of Portales + Roosevelt County since
1939 Please Reconsider Closing the base Thank you,*

This letter will be copied to send to the following:

CC: Commissioner James Bilbrary
 Commissioner Philip Coyle
 Commissioner Adm. Harold W Gehman, Jr.
 Commissioner Rep. James V Hansen
 Commissioner Gen. James Hill
 Commissioner Gen Lloyd "Fig" Newton
 Commissioner Samuel K Skinner
 Commissioner B.G. Sue Ellen Turner

CC: President George W. Bush
 First Lady, Mrs. Laura Bush
 Governor Bill Richardson
 Senator Pete V. Domenici
 Senator Jeff Bingaman
 Rep. Tom Udall



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Attn: Admiral Harold W. Gehman Jr., (USN, Ret)

The following information was extracted from the Cannon AFB web page under the "27 Fighter Wing Infrastructure Development Outlook" section:

The vision statement for Cannon AFB is; we are the "wing-of-choice" when our nation calls for lethal warfighters to apply combat power anywhere, anytime. We are the "World's Most Lethal Warfighting Team!"

The Future Wing Mission: The 27th Fighter Wing is currently posturing itself to execute our mission well into the 21st century.

An Installation Goal is to "plan for the long-term capabilities of Cannon AFB".

The number one installation development goal is to continue to posture for new systems and missions by evaluating the capability of Cannon AFB to accommodate future missions.

Infrastructure Systems:

Water Systems: Cannon AFB is completely independent of outside water sources due to its unique ability to provide water from nine government-owned wells. There is adequate capacity to support both current demand and future expansion in mission.

Natural Gas Systems: There is no limit to the amount of natural gas service supplied to the base through contractual means.

Airfield Pavements and wiring: Upgraded via four major projects in the last year.

Land Use:

Surrounding Area: The land and communities adjacent to Cannon AFB are primarily related to agriculture industry. The benefits of being located in a remote area of eastern plains of New Mexico manifest themselves in the form of extremely limited air encroachments. This is a key factor in sustaining training for our mission.

Future Development Issues:

Potential Change in Mission: In order to be prepared for the potential expansion of mission at Cannon AFB, the 27th FW has set upon a course of future development guaranteed to allow for such expansion. This multi-use planning philosophy will allow the 27th FW to cross-utilize facilities in the event of a major shift in the wing mission.

Major Investment Strategies

Refocusing on Infrastructure: By systematically funding the incremental maintenance and replacement of our utilities and pavements, the 27th FW can ensure the future stability of Cannon AFB for years to come.

These statements show the importance of Cannon AFB and shows that it has been preparing for "potential expansion." Extremely limited air encroachments are key factors. Please note that possibility of closure is not mentioned anywhere.

Thank you for your vote to keep Cannon AFB open.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Chalker".

Dennis Chalker
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