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Dear Mr. Hansen:

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Cannon has been our economic backbone for over five decades. One might compare this issue to the failure of a large pension plan causing total dependency on Social Security income: a very staunch comparison.

Mr. Hansen, for some time now, all indications to us have been that Cannon is not in danger. We would like to know the specific reasons Cannon has been targeted for closure as we are fearful some of the criteria set forth by the Pentagon for determining the military value of Cannon has not been considered, perhaps erroneously overlooked. When you visit Cannon for your on-site inspection and subsequent public hearing, please notice our unfettered air space.

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We have no encroachment issues here, giving Cannon the military freedom it needs for its personnel to do its job that it has done so well over the past years. Because of our unlimited air space, Cannon has the ability to accept future aircraft with supersonic capabilities. With almost unlimited land resources, the expansion possibilities are vast. And, due to our excellent year-round flying weather, Cannon retains the ability to continue training for these future aircraft changes: a multitude of aircraft...not just the F-16.

One of our recently transferred base commanders made the comment that out of all of his assignments, the relationship between Cannon personnel and the Clovis community was the greatest he had ever known. Over the years, we have taken pride in helping to meet the needs of Cannon personnel.

Hopefully, your studies of this issue will reveal the real military value of the Cannon facility thereby resulting in a reversal of the original decision of the commission and remove Cannon from the closure list.

Sincerely,

John C. Urban

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May 20, 2005

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Brigadier General Sue E. Turner
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We ask you to take Cannon off the BRAC List. This base is needed and wanted by All

Please Reconsider!

Sincerely

Gary Mengarelli

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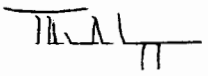

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a citizen of Clovis, NM and **I am proud to live in a community that supports Cannon Air Force Base.** I have lived in Clovis for 18 years, and in the Texas Panhandle for 19 prior to that, so Cannon has always been a part of my life. I've read the justification given by the Pentagon for closing our air base and ask that you please reconsider the DOD's recommendation.

MILITARY NEEDS

Cannon has been home to various types of aircraft and currently houses F16's. Cannon jets have flown in multiple wars and the F111's from Cannon were instrumental in Desert Storm; not to mention they were the planes sent by President Reagan to bomb Libya. Cannon has always had a strong presence everywhere they go. Plus, there is ample base space and air space available, as well as great weather conditions that allow almost zero days lost of flight time per year. Cannon and Clovis is willing and able to accommodate growth.

Cannon is also home to the Melrose bombing range, and to unlimited air space (up to 50,000 feet in some areas) free from obstacles or hindrances found in larger metropolitan areas. There is limited risk here; if a jet crashes – normally it hits dirt, not housing units or schools.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Clovis will be the hardest community hit economically if you go through with this closure. We will take a -20.5% hit in job losses alone; the next closest impact is Martin County Indiana at -11.6%. Our loss represents ***4 times more (400%)*** of the current national average of the employment rate. In a town the size of Clovis, this is tragic. Clovis has built itself around the base, and much of the livelihood in Clovis relies on base personnel and/or resources.

The report says that approximately 4,780 jobs would be affected if the base were to close. While these numbers may be somewhat lower than other areas – based on the overall population of Clovis, the results will be devastating nonetheless. A large city can more easily survive a base closure (even with higher numbers than those reflected above) because of population, but with only 34,000 residents in Clovis – it would kill us. It will take years and years to rebound from a loss this great, if ever.

Clovis is rural; there are no big businesses knocking on our door begging to come in. We cannot support a larger airport, and there are no people to build or buy big high-rise condominiums. How can we possibly rebound after such an enormous blow? Please reconsider the ramifications that this closure would deal us if it were to close.

SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURES

Cannon provides support/resources for the Melrose bombing range. The range serves the 27th FW, B1's out of Dyess (Abilene), 150th ANG (Kirtland), 550th SOS (Special Ops, Kirtland), B52's (Barksdale AFB, Louisiana), B2's (Missouri), F-117's (Alamogordo), along with occasional E3's, EC-135's, and whoever else flies within range. It is also used by the Army for air drop exercises, and both USAF and Army Forward Air Controller training. To say it is a valuable asset, would be a minor understatement. The facility consists of 66,000 acres,

with 59,000 acres owned by the Air Force, and has been in use continuously since 1952 and accounts for 4800 sorties annually. They also provide an electronic counter measure facility for advanced training, as well as night-vision goggle training.

The September 2001 Defensive Training Initiative permitted the use of chaff and flares in existing airspace contiguous to the Melrose bombing range so that combat-condition training could occur in response to available simulated ground-based and aircraft threats. Currently, pilots use defensive countermeasures to avoid these threats only in the restricted airspace over the bombing range. The 27 FW, as the proponent for this action, conducts defensive training using chaff and flares in surrounding areas. As far as I can tell by my research, Cannon Air Force Base is the only base in the United States authorized to utilize this training, thus making the bombing range in Melrose even more of a critical infrastructure that should remain in place along with the base itself.

Cannon is the closest base to PANTEX in Amarillo, Texas, which is a Nuclear weapons facility. I would consider Cannon to be a huge defensive support infrastructure to this facility, and the closest fighter jets in reach.

Cannon is a base that is supported by the community. Clovis and the surrounding communities are proud to have the air base in our presence; we welcome the people it brings to the area, the diversity it offers us, and the security of knowing we are protected and safe.

In closing, I would like to note that Cannon believes in giving back to the community and does so through volunteer and other charitable work. I have a handicapped daughter that participates in Special Olympics, and our team benefits greatly from their help. We have anywhere from 2-50 volunteers at any given time, which shows how much they love our community and the families that make it up. With this said, I'd like to ask that you please rethink the numbers, the loss, and the impact that this closure would have on our community and the people who live here. And then reconsider the opportunities available at Cannon if kept open.

Clovis is a community that has always supported the base, its personnel, and FREEDOM. Our community will do anything necessary to accommodate the needs of the base and its personnel. Please consider removing Cannon Air Force Base off the list of base closures.
Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,

Gena Hankins

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505-389-4377 or 505-762-6398

We are PROUD of our air base!
We love it and want it to remain a part of our community.

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Mr. Principi:

I work for ENMRSH, Inc., a non-profit organization in Clovis, New Mexico that provides a wide array of services to individuals with disabilities. This letter provides a brief, but important plea to reconsider the recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB).

One of our primary service sites is CAFB. For nearly two decades ENMRSH, Inc. has formed a solid reciprocal relationship with CAFB by furnishing individuals with disabilities to complete contract work at the dining hall, commissary, and switchboard. Through our relationship we not only meet a distinct military need, but also provide individuals with disabilities rehabilitation, meaningful work, and opportunities for a life that would otherwise be unattainable. Our affiliation with the Air Force and individuals with disabilities is important to society at large.

Additionally, the community has embraced this military installation and formed a mutually beneficial association – removing CAFB from our area would cause financial and social hardships beyond belief. As shown in the Department of Defense (DoD) economic impact analysis, Clovis and CAFB have formed an exceptional, productive, and dependant economic connection over the years. The ripple effect of closing the base would continue for countless years to come. In general, the monetary impact of closing CAFB would be devastating to the town of Clovis; there is a strong chance that we would never recover.

I ask you to reconsider the recommendation to close CAFB based on three reasonable conclusions. First, closure would result in sweeping unemployment for the disadvantaged individuals served by ENMRSH. The individuals with disabilities will face vulnerability, poverty, and a reduced social status because unemployment will be inevitable. Additionally, the community of Clovis will be shattered. We have fostered innumerable connections with CAFB that are irreplaceable. Last, I believe CAFB currently holds unacknowledged military value and has the potential to become an even greater asset to our country in the

future. For example, Clovis has over 320 days of ideal flying weather, lack of encroachment on the base or in the flying space, and the ability to expand and evolve without problems caused by being located in the center of a metropolitan area. Many of the beneficial aspects of CAFB were not considered in the DoD analysis.

Please understand that I understand the reasons for transforming our armed forces to meet modern threats. However, the transformation can be completed without belittling and desecrating the lives of American citizens. A suitable solution should combine measures that will strengthen our military capabilities while preserving the livelihood of citizens that have willingly and exuberantly provided decades of support to CAFB.

Respectfully,

Damian Houfek

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Dear BRAC Commission,

I am writing to voice my disagreement with the placement of Cannon Air Force Base on the BRAC list. It is my belief that this base was placed on the list in error. Cannon AFB provides superior military value to the United States Armed forces. Some things to consider are as follows:

- Cannon has NO encroachment concerns
- Flying conditions in Eastern New Mexico are ideal for training missions over 300 day each year
- Cannon has won countless awards on ACC level and higher showing how well our people at the base serve our country in a quality manner
- Cannon has more than ample space to support joint war fighting training
- The space and weather make Cannon an ideal candidate to support future training missions for the F-22 and other military aircraft

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In addition to these qualities, please be aware that air easements and land were purchased by our communities and GIVEN back to the Air Force for the benefit of the Air Force and ~~Cannon~~ more importantly Cannon AFB. We will make every effort to see that the expansion of airspace doesn't happen and closure of the Melrose bombing range if Cannon is infact closed. The community of Portales & Clovis have a long positive history of over 50 yrs, it would most certainly be a mistake to close this valuable Air Force base.

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Cannon has been our economic backbone for over five decades. One might compare this issue to the failure of a large pension plan causing total dependency on Social Security income: a very staunch comparison.

Adm. Gehman, for some time now, all indications to us have been that Cannon is not in danger. We would like to know the specific reasons Cannon has been targeted for closure as we are fearful some of the criteria set forth by the Pentagon for determining the military value of Cannon has not been considered, perhaps erroneously overlooked. When you visit Cannon for your on-site inspection and subsequent public hearing, please notice our unfettered air space.

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We have no encroachment issues here, giving Cannon the military freedom it needs for its personnel to do its job that it has done so well over the past years. Because of our unlimited air space, Cannon has the ability to accept future aircraft with supersonic capabilities. With almost unlimited land resources, the expansion possibilities are vast. And, due to our excellent year-round flying weather, Cannon retains the ability to continue training for these future aircraft changes: a multitude of aircraft...not just the F-16.

One of our recently transferred base commanders made the comment that out of all of his assignments, the relationship between Cannon personnel and the Clovis community was the greatest he had ever known. Over the years, we have taken pride in helping to meet the needs of Cannon personnel.

Hopefully, your studies of this issue will reveal the real military value of the Cannon facility thereby resulting in a reversal of the original decision of the commission and remove Cannon from the closure list.

Sincerely,

John C. Urban

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Portales, NM 88130

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One last thing, the closing of Cannon would be devastating to the economy here. Please reconsider all the facts before making your decision.

Thank you so much for reconsidering. I know you will review the facts and see that it would be a mistake to close Cannon Air Force Base.

Sincerely,

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Please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision.

Respectfully yours,

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Cannon Air Force Base is about 17 miles from my home. Being a life long resident for 56 years, in the Portales area, Cannon has been around about as long as I have.

While never serving in the military, it has been a comforting thought to have a military base of this caliber so close. With the large bombing range so close, the proposed supersonic air space, and great NM flying weather, Cannon has advantages that were overlooked. Not to mention the economic downturn it would cause if it closed. Many people and businesses depend on it for job and income.

I also work for nearby Eastern New Mexico University and the closing would eliminate close to 10% of our student population and a number of co-workers. The ripple effect would be felt for many years to come.

Housing, real estate value, jobs, business and morale will be beat royal.

Please go back and look at the facts once again. You will see we need the base, the US needs the base, and the military needs the base for the war on terrorism and US Security!

Thank you

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The Honorable James V. Hansen
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The Honorable James V. Hansen:

The BRAC /Commission's decision to close Cannon Air Force Base has me very concerned. I implore you to reconsider the unique attributes that Cannon offers our national defense. These include an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues, a bombing range the Air Force now owns that is only seconds away, and the airspace to fly at supersonic speeds.

I do not believe that Cannon fits the criteria provided for base closure. Once the New Mexico Training Range Initiative is in place pilots will be able to fly at supersonic speeds during training. Cannon also has the space and facilities to accommodate joint warfare training and readiness and ample space/ramp space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations.

Curry County has purchased air easements around Cannon in conjunction with the State of New Mexico, purchased land north of the base for housing, purchased land west of Cannon for instrument lighting on the alternate runway and has given it all to the Air Force for Cannon.

According to the Department of Defense, Clovis would be the hardest-hit community on the BRAC closure list as far as the percentage of projected job losses from the local economy. As much as 26% of employment in Curry County alone is traced to Cannon with a loss of $173 million in gross-receipts taxes annually which does not include Portales where 250 airmen and their families make their home. It has been estimated that the closing of Cannon will cost this area the loss of more jobs, percentage-wise that any other area in the county having a severe ripple effect on the economy of the entire state. Clovis/Portales are small communities and Cannon Air Force Base is so much a part of our lives. I was even born there in the early 60's.

I implore you to please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Glenn

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I'm very concerned about the Cannon Air Force base Closure.

I would like to point out that Air Force personnel based at Cannon live in very short distance to Eastern New Mexico University. A good low cost school enabling Airmen and their spouses can receive a quality education helping to reach their life goals. Having educated military personnel greatly enhances our military capabilities. A large part of our electronics engineering department is Air Force. This is a win win situation for both Eastern New Mexico University and the Air Force.

Patriotically Yours
Lee Quick.

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RE: KEEP CANNON

Dear Sir:

Please KEEP Cannon open.

The impact to Eastern New Mexico will be devastating to an area that is supportive and essential for an air force base and its members.

The following supportive issues MUST be considered....

1) Weather
2) Area is ideal
3) Availability of flying space
4) Location includes Clovis, Portales, Amarillo and Lubbock
5) National security

Again, this is an important issue. Please reconsider and keep Cannon.

Sincerely,

Lloyd J. Seefeld

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Christopher Stasheff
1515 West 18th Street # 8
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General Lloyd W. Newton
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Dear Sir,
I am very concerned about the BRAC Commission's decision to close Cannon Air Force Base. I have lived in a town affected by a base closing before and am not anxious to repeat the experience; it cost me a considerable sum.

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Respectfully yours,

Christopher Stasheff

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I AM A lifelong RESIDENT of CLOVIS, NM AND AM proud that CANNON AFB HAS BEEN A PART OF CLOVIS.

CLOVIS IS A SMALL TOWN ON the GROW. THE CLOSING of CANNON would HAVE A DEVASTATING IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY.

I KNOW A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN THE AIR FORCE RETIRED THE F-111 AND BROUGHT THE F-16 TO CANNON that it HAD A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY'S ECONOMY. IT REQUIRED MORE PERSONEL to MAINTAIN + FLY THE F-111. THE City SURVIVED that MOVE, but I don't think it would SURVIVE A COMPLETE CLOSING of the BASE.

Thank you for your CONSIDERATION,

Billy D. Williams
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I AM WRITING this LETTER to ASK the BRAC COMMISSION to RECONSIDER the CLOSING of CANNON AFB IN CLOVIS, N.M. I TRULY BELIEVE that the UNITED STATES of AMERICA would STRONGLY BENEFIT if CANNON REMAINS OPERATIONAL. CANNON WOULD BE the PERFECT PLACE FOR the F-22 RAPTOR. CANNON HAS A LARGE TRAINING AREA AND IS IN the PROCESS of EXPANDING its SUPERSONIC flying AREA.

NOW IS not the TIME to CLOSE CANNON AFB with ALL of the "Hot Spots" IN the WORLD AND with the THREAT of TERRORISM IN the UNITED STATES.

YOU CAN CLOSE A BASE AT ANY TIME, but YOU CAN't OPEN ONE AT ANY TIME AT ANY PLACE. CANNON CAN still BE EXPANDED if NECESSARY.

THE city of CLOVIS, NM fully SUPPORTS CANNON AFB, its MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONEL.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

SINCE I MOVED BACK TO CLOVIS IN 1990 I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN MANY WAYS WITH CANNON AIR FORCE BASE. MY LIFE AND EVERYONE ELSE THAT I KNOW HAS BEEN DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THE BASE.

I KNOW THAT CANNON HAS WON MANY AWARDS AND THAT IT OFFERS MORE THAN ANY NORMAL PERSON COULD POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND. BEING THAT THERE ARE MANY OUT THERE THAT CAN EXPLAIN THESE POINTS I WILL JUST GIVE YOU A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOW CAFB HAS BEEN A PART OF MY LIFE FOR THE LAST 15 YEARS.

1990- 1992 I WORKED AT CAFB. I HELPED MAKE A NEW PAD TO PARK THE JETS ON. I LAID NEW FIRE HYDRANTS ALL AROUND THE BASE. I REMODELED BARRACKS. I HELPED WORK ON THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

1992-2000 I WORKED AT A MOVING AND STORAGE COMPANY. MOST OF THEIR BUSINESS WAS FOR THE MILITARY. I MET HUNDREDS OF CAFB FAMILIES, SOME COMING TO CLOVIS FOR THE FIRST TIME, SOME LEAVING CLOVIS, OTHERS RETURNING TO RETIRE.

2000-2003 MANAGER FOR MAJOR RETAIL STORE. I WORKED ALONG SIDE CAFB PERSONNEL AS WELL AS RETIRED CAFB PERSONNEL. MANY CUSTOMERS WERE CAFB MEMBERS.

2003- PRESENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION. I HAVE NUMEROUS CUSTOMERS FROM CAFB.

MY WIFE'S DAD, STEPMOM, MOM,STEPDAD ARE ALL RETIRED AIR FORCE. ALL WERE STATIONED AT CANNON. MY BROTHER IN LAW IS ACTIVE AIR FORCE. MY MOTHER IN LAW DEPENDS ON CAFB FOR SUPPLIES AND HER HUSBAND WORKS FOR CAFB STILL.

ALL ASPECTS OF MY LIFE NO MATTER HOW BIG OR SMALL HAVE ALWAYS BEEN LINKED TO CAFB. I HAVE HEARD MANY STORIES ABOUT CANNON FROM THESE PEOPLE WITH VERY LITTLE CRITICISM FROM ANY. IN FACT MOST OLDER PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO RETIRE HERE. MOST FAMILIES LIKE THE SMALLER SCHOOLS FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

LOSING CAFB WOULD BE A GREAT SOCIAL LOSS FOR THE AIR FORCE.CLOVIS IS A IDEAL PLACE TO TRAIN, LEARN,LIVE AND LOVE.

THANK YOU,
ANDY RICKETSON

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Chet & Joannie Spear
15 Jill Street
Clovis, NM 88101

BRAC Commission
Attn: Chairman Anthony J. Principi
2521 S. Clark Street
Arlington, VA 22202

May 23, 2005

Dear Chairman Principi:

KEEP CANNON!

When you come to Clovis, NM, the home of Cannon AFB, you will see, hear, and most definitely absorb the slogan "KEEP CANNON" and with good reason. KEEP CANNON will be on signs, posters, billboards, and most importantly, it will be on the lips of all the citizens of Clovis, Curry County, Portales, Roosevelt County, and all of the surrounding communities.

I arrived at Cannon AFB in February 1977 as an active duty USAF Airman.

I immediately was taken by the hospitality displayed by the local communities towards the USAF members assigned to Cannon AFB. So much so, that when I retired in April 1981, I stayed in Clovis and have been here ever since. My wife and I raised our family here and despite the fact all three of our sons have moved away, we choose to remain in Clovis.

We enjoy the convenience of the benefits extended to retirees; the commissary, BX, medical, recreation facilities, etc.; however, more than these, being patriotic more than most, we enjoy seeing and hearing the planes of Cannon each and every day.

That brings me to why am I writing this letter. Cannon is on your BRAC list and I do not understand why. I stay current with USAF and military events as much as most and I was shocked to see Cannon on the list.

When I said we see and hear the planes of Cannon each and every day, I meant that we have the best weather of any base in the nation for flying. I know that because I am a golfer and I can play golf nearly 365 days a year at Cannon and, if I can play golf 365 days a year, the planes can certainly fly nearly 365 days a year. Where else can that happen?

We do not have but two commercial flights arriving at the Clovis Municipal Airport daily; therefore, there is no danger by commercial aircraft to our fighters flying in and around Clovis. Where else can that happen?

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The approaches and takeoff patterns for Cannon runways are free of residential, commercial and educational areas. There are no immediate dangers of any ill fated fighter, for which there have been none in several years, to land in a congested residential area or worse, an educational facility. **Where else can that happen?**

Cannon has a bombing range approximately 20 miles west of the base. I realize the fuel costs are minimal; but think of the extended training time our pilots receive in being able to plan and execute their training missions in a relative short time as compared to the other bases that have to travel hundreds of miles to reach their bombing ranges, time that could be spent in actual training rather than time spent in having to reach their destinations and then do their training. **Where else can that happen?**

Acreage? Cannon AFB has unlimited acreage for expansion. Something that might have been overlooked by our Department of Defense in compiling the BRAC list. Cannon is surrounded by miles of flat, open range, land that would take a minimum of costs to build on. **Where else can that happen?**

Clovis and surrounding areas have overwhelmingly approved the acceptance of "Supersonic" flights. Our planes of today, and especially in the future, need supersonic training. Well, right here at Cannon is where it is at, now, and for the future. **Where else has this happened?**

Cannon does not have to supplement their active duty members with HOLA or COLA. Housing costs in the Cannon/Clovis area are probably some of the lowest in the nation. Cost of living costs in the Cannon/Clovis area are among the lowest in the country. **Where else can that happen?**

Cannon is located just off US Highway's 60/70/84. All major highways. Easy access to major cities like, Amarillo, Lubbock, Albuquerque, etc. **Where else can that happen?**

Cannon has one of the most beautiful bases in the country with several new facilities. A new runway tower. Reconditioned runway. A brand new high security perimeter fence. Reconditioned billeting for the Airman assigned to Cannon. A totally new and beautiful entrance onto Cannon. One of the best golf courses in New Mexico. **Where else has that happened?**

Cannon has been the recipient of numerous awards in the last several years; most beautiful, best golf course, numerous individual unit awards, etc. This indicates the dedication, professionalism, and pride of the individuals assigned to Cannon. **Where else has that happened?**

Most importantly is the outstanding community relationship towards Cannon and all of its members. I would venture to guess that no where else in the country can any military installation boast about its great relationship

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that it has with its local communities. Come and visit with us, see and enjoy the relationship we have developed with Cannon and its members. This is not all about dollars and cents; it is about the value of having Cannon at Cannon, honoring the men and women serving our nation there and extending to them our thanks and appreciation for protecting us and our nation. Where else does this happen.

As a former USAF 20+ year's member and currently an active patriotic retiree, I request that you please review all the positives that Cannon offers. Cannon should be one of the USAF bases of the future considering its location, fantastic year round weather, free air space, supersonic training, nearby bombing range, acreage for expansion, no encroachments to residential, business, or educational facilities, outstanding facilities, and especially the community support.

KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,

Chet & Joannie Spear
KEEP CANNON SUPPORTERS

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Raymond Furrow
2308 Miller
Clovis New Mexico 88101

Dear Commissioner Lloyd "Fig" Newton,

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May 23, 2005

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

Dear Members:

Cannon Air Force Base is of great concern to me as I have been part of the city of Clovis and Cannon for many years. My deceased husband, D. L. Ingram, was on the Committee of Fifty for many years and being a World War II veteran, believed wholeheartedly in our military. He worked tirelessly, using his own time and money, in the continued support of Cannon.

I am asking for your reconsideration of closing Cannon as I believe it has military importance. Flying weather is ideal and there are no encroachment issues for air space. The Melrose bombing range is near, and Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate any kind of aircraft. In addition, the community purchased land north of the base and gave it back to the Air Force for additional housing, as well as land west of Cannon for the installation of instrument lighting on the alternate runway. Also, leaders of our community worked to expand and convert the air space to supersonic capability.

The relationship of Cannon and the surrounding communities is unique. Although I understand difficult decisions need to be made, I strongly believe that the closing of Cannon Air Force Base should be reconsidered as it does not fit the criteria provided for base closure. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

June Ingram
1413 E. 21st Street
Clovis, NM 88101

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BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear Commissioners:

My husband served this country as an enlisted member of the United States Air Force for twenty years, retiring from the Air Force in 1982. Twice during that time period he was stationed at Cannon Air Force Base outside of Clovis New Mexico. We found Clovis and the surrounding area a wonderful place to live and raise our family, and the support we received from the community while here with the Air Force phenomenal.

Because of the great experience that we had at Cannon Air Force Base, We choose to remain in Clovis after my husband retired from the Air Force. We have rarely regretted that decision. Though we have retired from the Air Force, the Air Force and Cannon Air Force Base is still important part of our life, and I believe a vital part of our community.

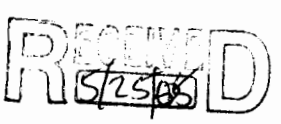
I was very concerned when Cannon Air Force Base was listed by the Department of Defense as a base they want to close as part of this round of base closures. I strongly feel that this decision was ill advised and not in the interests of our country.

The effects on Clovis and the surrounding area if Cannon Air Force Base were to close would be nothing short of devastating. Clovis would lose between 20 and 25 percent of the jobs in the area. This figure is somewhat conservative. It does not take into account all the little businesses that would close for lack of customers, or the school's that would close because of the drop in the school population as the Air Force dependants moved away. The economic impact on this area will be severe and long lasting.

A few months ago, my husband was diagnosed with cancer. We are very concerned that if Cannon Air Force Base closes, that he will not be able to receive the medical care he needs, at least not in this area. As the physicians patient base in this area dries up, they will leave the area.

It does not make sense to close Cannon, for numerous reasons. Those reasons include but are not limited to:

- Unimpeded air space
- Ideal flying weather
- Almost limited expansion potential
- Facilities that would be able to accommodate any type of aircraft that the Air Force chooses to base at Cannon in the years to come, long after the F-16 is retired
- Proximity to the Melrose Bombing range



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Cannon Air Force Base does not belong on the base closure list. It can serve our country well, and for a long time into the future.

Sincerely

Betty Grissom

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To the BRAC Commission,

I and my family have lived in Clovis for over seven years now. During this time we have come to love our community and the special relationship it has with Cannon Air Base. I have developed many close relationships with some military personel and their families. My children have gone to school with and are close friends with many of these families children.

Cannon and our community have a very unique relationship. You would be very hard pressed to find another like it. The men and women at Cannon have always dedicated themselves to our community. They volunteer in Community projects such as the Great American Cleanup. They volunteer at our schools for judging science fairs and Marsville. Cannon personel have always been a large part of our Fourth of July activities. Clovis enjoys and needs their continued participation and support.

Now I would like to discuss other areas of importance. One of these would be the large retirement population

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here in Eastern New Mexico and West Texas. These individuals and their families would be placed in very difficult positions should Cannon be closed. Many of the older retired personel would be almost completely cut off from any services and facilities currently ~~sut~~supplied by Cannon.

The economic aspect of this closure is undeniable. Eastern New Mexico and West Texas would be hurt significantly. Many of the businesses rely on Cannon and its personel for economic stability. Clovis has aquired many new businesses because of the growth its has had and the growth expected at Cannon. Clovis has worked very hard in expanding its housing and businesses to accomidate Cannon's personel and need's. Should you choose to close Cannon, many of our businesses ~~wot~~ would be forced to close.

Another economic impact would involve our schools. Clovis and Portales would be forced to close some schools. This would cause teachers, maintenanee staff and administrative personel to lose their jobs. This area has worke very hard to get good teachers and personel to come here. Should Cannon be closed, it would make

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this job that much more difficult.

Clovis, Portales and the State of New Mexico have worked very hard to make Cannon the best Air Base it can be. An example of this would be the purchase of land easements around Cannon that were then given to the Air Force. Another would be the Air Space. It is completely free from encroachment which makes the training for the pilots safer than any other base.

Another point to consider is the Melrose bombing range. This range is seconds from Cannon which gives our pilots more training time in bombing runs and less time flying to and from the range.

Cannon has worked very hard in keeping its facilities and technologies up to date in order to accomodate and train any new aircraft and personel needed by the Air force. An example of this would be the building of a new runway for the new supersonic aircraft.

Our community understands that this process is very difficult and that you have to do your jobs. However, we believe that you are mistaken in choosing

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Cannon for closure. I myself would like for you to review your own criteria for base closures. I think that you will find that Cannon does not meet this criteria. Please consider carefully all the points being made. I believe you will see how important Cannon is to the surrounding communities, the Air Force and to the Country.
Thank you for your hard work and time.

Stephanie Taylor
Stephanie Taylor
Clovis, New Mexico.

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May 22, 2005

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

Dear BRAC Commission:

I know you have a very difficult task in making your decisions about the Base Realignment and Closures. I personally feel that this is not the time for such action as we are in a war and have many military people away from home. However, you made your decisions and I believe that you didn't follow the criteria you provided for base closures. Cannon has the criteria needed but it seems you may have chosen to ignore some of it. Please consider the following.

(1) Cannon does not fit the criteria your commission provided for base closures

(2) The Cannon Air Force Base has the air space with no encroachment issues.

(3) The New Mexico ~~training~~ Range Initiative, when implemented shortly, will provide the ability to fly supersonic during training missions

(4) Our weather is excellent for year round training

(5) The bombing range at Melrose is very, very close so our pilots do not have to travel far to get to it. It is immediately available. No loss of fuel or time spent.

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(6) Cannon has the space and facilities to hold joint war fighting, training and readiness. Example: the recent joint effort between Cannon and the U.S. Navy.

(7) Cannon is equipped with ample space/ramp space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations

(8) We are the proud home of Cannon AFB and we share the pride with Cannon for the numerous awards on the ACC & air force, national and STAT levels.

(9) Our community's relationship with Cannon is second to none. We love our base and the base loves us. I am a retired teacher and have had many students of Cannon's personnel. I can't begin to tell you how much I have learned from them. We have many families in our church and they are such a blessing to us all. My granddaughter married a fine young airman — so you see, they really are family.

(10) Our community, Portales, Amarillo, Roswell and Lubbock, have many retirees living here. Their closest place for medical help, grocery shopping & more is Cannon. There is no other installation close by to serve our retired military.

(11) We have a strong 50+ year relationship with Cannon: In the 1990's Curry County, along with the State of N.M. purchased

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air easements around Cannon and GAVE them to the Air Force. This was done to protect that air space from encroachment and was an important issuue to the air force. The local community purchased the land north of Cannon & GAVE it back to the air force for additional housing, now known as Cherez Manor. Within the last few years, our community purchased land west of Cannon and GAVE it back to the Air Force for the installment of instrument lighting on the Alternate runway at the base. Leaders within our community spear-headed the effort to expand and convert the air space to supersonic capability through the New Mexico Training Range initiative

In summary, the community has reached out and supported the base like no other community over the 50 years. We've done so financially, morally, spiritually, and above all, consistently.

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Finally, I have a son who has been employed by the base for 25 years. He has worked proudly by the side of the military at Cannon. He is close to having enough years to retire but not close enough. I also have a brother son and granddaughter and the woman she married that owns a business in Clovis that would suffer greatly — as well as many other businesses — if

Cannon were to close.

Please come to Clovis and see for yourselves why you should not close Cannon Air Force Base. Get all of the facts regarding Cannon and it's Capabilities We do need to keep Cannon open for our country's best interest and also our communities around Cannon

Sincerely
Polly Chisum
2716 Harrison
Clovis, NM 88101

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Mr. Anthony J. Principi
Chairman, 2005 BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark St. Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

May 23, 2005

Dear Mr. Principi,

I am writing this letter to express my opinion that a grave mistake has been made by including Cannon on the list of bases to be closed in light of the criteria laid out for the 2005 Base closure and Realignment by Michael W. Wynne, Chairman of the Infrastructure Steering Group.

I served in the U.S. Air Force from 1986 to 1990 and a year and a half of the time was at Cannon Air Force Base. I've experienced base life in Texas and in Germany. I originally grew up in Rochester NY and I am also familiar with life in larger communities. When I separated from the Air Force in 1990 I chose to make Clovis my home because of the community support and friendliness of the people here in Clovis. I felt that this was a safe place to raise my family. Clovis has a lot to offer military families. Closing Cannon would be a big mistake. Clovis loves Cannon and we support the base and the personnel in many ways. Clovis welcomes the military with open arms and that is one of many reasons why I chose to stay.

Eastern New Mexico has ideal weather for year round training and flying. There is plenty of wide open air space with the closest commercial airports 100 miles away. The community supports Cannon and would welcome super sonic flight. The towns are spread out here in Eastern New Mexico and the issue of safety was always a consideration for the Air Force when I was in active service. Civilian encroachment is not a major problem for Cannon and there is endless room for expansion to the facility around the base and the bombing range.

I realize that the F-16's are an older generation air craft and will be gradually replaced with newer generation planes. I support the advances that the military needs to make to keep our country safe. I strongly feel that Cannon could easily be transformed to accommodate the newer generation aircraft if the need were to arise. When I served at Cannon we flew F-111's.

I could keep going with the reasons that it would be a mistake to close Cannon and I know you probably have more letters than time. I will end with a sincere request that you reconsider all that Cannon has to offer and please take Cannon off of the base closure list.

Respectfully,

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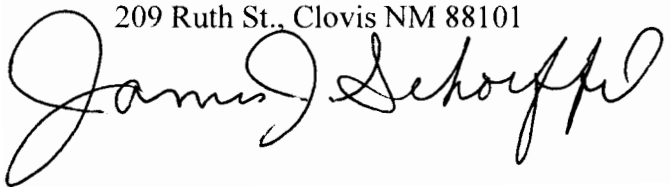

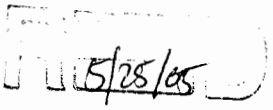

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Ref: CLOSING OF CANNON AFB, N.M.

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So, I am pretty close to Cannon and many of the persons who have served here.

I, and many, were very surprised and disappointed by Cannon being on the closure list.

We think we have so much to offer with no encroachment or noise problems, room to grow, and one of the best relationships anywhere.

And, the effect on our local city of about 33,000 will be terrible, AND OVER 10% WORSE ON OUR LOCAL EMPLOYMENT THAN ANY OTHER BASE ON THE LIST.

To my knowledge, the Air Force has never advised us of any large needs for Cannon that we did not help them get. This includes our 70,000+ acre bombing nearby, the land around the Base, the airspace around the Base, and numerous new buildings. In fact, they have told us that we had one of their very best Bases.

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We hope you can get us of the list.

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P.S. I am on the Board of a non-profit organization that has 80+ disabled employees at Cannon that will be devastated.

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I. The weather in Eastern New Mexico provides year round training opportunities.

II. The availability of air space and ideal flying weather makes Cannon the perfect candidate to support future supersonic training missions.

This aspect is true for the following reasons:

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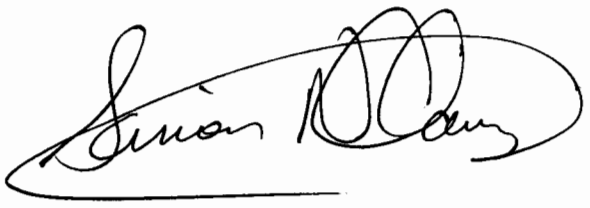

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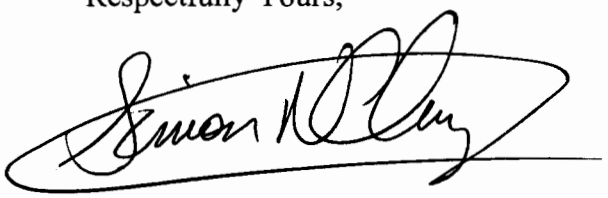

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BRAC Commission
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Dear Commissioner Bilbray:

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In addition, the surrounding communities have demonstrated a strong commitment to Cannon Air Force Base in many ways, including:

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Sincerely,

David J. Robinson

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Clovis, New Mexico 88101

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May 25, 2005

The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

Dear **Honorable Samuel K. Skinner**

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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,
Katie Padilla
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May 27, 2005

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BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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Dear Commissioner Skinner:

I am concerned about the BRAC decision to close Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico. Cannon has been part of our community for over 50 years. We believe the relationship between Cannon and the surrounding towns, Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, and West Texas (including Amarillo, and Lubbock) to be unlike any other installation in the country.

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- The base has an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues. This provides for safer and more realistic training scenarios for pilots.
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Sincerely,

Theresa Begley

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Brigadier General Sue E. Turner,
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Sincerely,

Paul R Heath

Paul R Heath
USAF Retiree
109 Tucker Ave
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PS. On a personal note,
I am one of the retirees (USAF) in this community and I use the base very often for my wife and my own needs. My job, my wife's job, my daughters' jobs and my son-in-laws' jobs will be very much affected by the closing of Cannon. Some of the schools my grandkids attend will be last. We have many companies that want to come into our community but will not because of the closing. Please think hard on this issue. WE NEED CANNON! Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, West Texas (including Amarillo and Lubbock) are home to a large military retiree population. All of us retirees rely on Cannon Air Force Base for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more. There is not another installation close by to serve our retired military needs.
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General James T. Hill,
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Dear General Hill:

I urge you to overturn the Department of Defense's BRAC recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base. A few of the key reasons Cannon Air Force Base should not be on the BRAC closure list include:

- Cannon does not fit the criteria provided for base closure.
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- The weather in Eastern New Mexico provides year round training opportunities.
- Cannon has ample space/ramp space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations.
- The availability of air space and ideal flying weather makes Cannon the perfect candidate to support future training missions for the F-22, Joint Strike Fighter, and other military aircraft.

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- The local community purchased the land north of Cannon Air Force Base and gave it to the Air Force for additional housing.
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In summary, Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding communities have developed a mutually beneficial relationship over the last 50 years. The continued operation of Cannon Air Force Base is important for this region and the defense of this Nation. Respectfully, I urge you to vote to remove Cannon Air Force Base from the BRAC closure list.

Sincerely,

David J. Robinson
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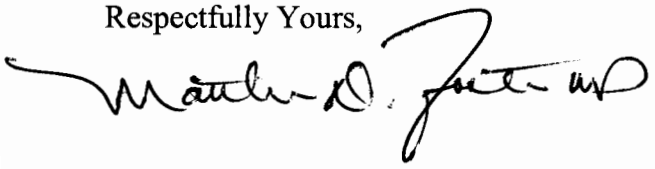

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OPERATION KEEP CANNON

To the distinguished BRAC committee,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base a part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues. The future use of super sonic fly space, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability, In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to the base.

Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war fighting, training, and readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy. Cannon has won countless awards, both on the ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels, and national and STAT levels.

In the early 90's, Curry County, in conjunction with the state of New Mexico purchased air easements around Cannon Air Force Base and GAVE them to the Air Force. This was done to protect that air space from encroachments and was an important issue for the Air Force as it is today. The local community purchased 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.

As hopefully you will personally witness, the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns: Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others is UNLIKE ANY OTHER INSTALLATION IN THE COUNTRY. These towns are home to large military retiree populations which rely on Cannon Air Force Base for healthcare, grocery shopping and more.

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Brian Foster
17 Paseo Village
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Dear Commissioner Lloyd "Fig" Newton

I am a resident of Clovis New Mexico and am presently employed by a locally owned restaurant. I have been friends with many military families during the years and have grown to love the diversity they offer our community. Losing Cannon will leave a gapping hole in our community. I understand that you have criteria to follow in making this decision and I would like to offer my opinions.

Curry County, located in eastern New Mexico, has 320 days a year of good flying weather. Melrose bombing range is located 30 miles to the west and is quickly attained. There are thousands of square miles of unencumbered air space for supersonic airspace training. The city of Clovis has been growing to the north and east of CAFB and is no threat of encroachment. The F-16 air craft is an aging plane and is presently being used in the fighting in Iraq. CAFB is located in the central area of the United States and could be used to defend any of our borders in a matter of a few hours.

The impact of closing CAFB on our community would be dramatic. Cannons' public affairs office has said there are more than 4,000 active-duty members and civilians at the base, including 270 officers and 3,201 enlisted airmen. It is estimated that Cannon is directly responsible for 20 to 26 percent of the areas' jobs. The population of Clovis is approximately 33,000 persons. Clovis voters have always built and maintained schools to serve all of our citizens including military dependants. Clovis Community College is where many spouses of active-duty personnel receive associates degrees in areas including nursing, radiology technician, and construction. Just twenty miles away is Eastern New Mexico University. Both of these institutions have classrooms at CAFB for the betterment of the military family. Wayland University of Plainview Texas also holds classes in the Clovis community and at CAFB. Presbyterian Hospital and local health related groups have invested $60,000,000.00 in recent years to meet the needs of base personal and our local citizens. Clovis has much to offer any person living here.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to send this letter to you. Closing any military installation is a grave matter and has many ramifications. As you can see it would have serious consequences for Clovis and the entire state of New Mexico.

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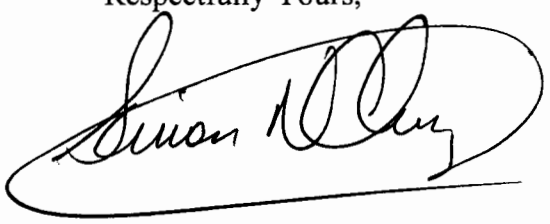

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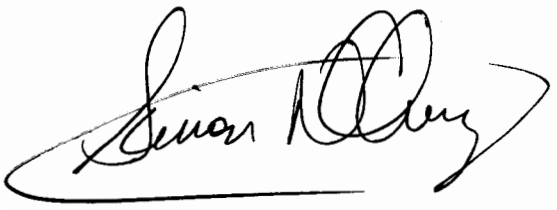

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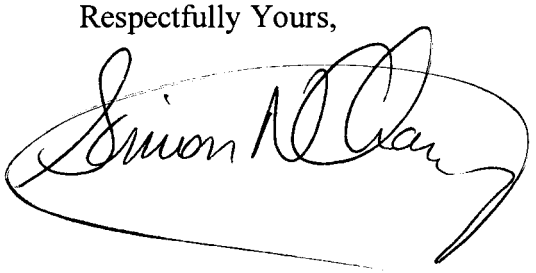

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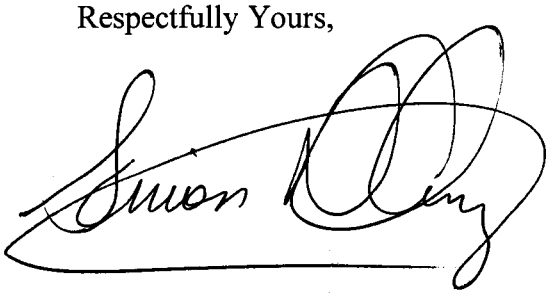

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RE: KEEP CANNON

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Sincerely,

Phyllis D Seefeld

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Christopher Stasheff
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Admiral Harold W. Gehman Jr.
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My family and I moved to Portales almost 3 years ago, and have found that Portales/Clovis is a very warm and accepting community. We were also surprised to see the amount of the growth that is going on especially in Clovis. From what I understand we have an opportunity for Sam's and Target to come to Clovis; probably not if the base closes.

I am just now getting on my feet and able to purchase properties in Clovis so we can renovate and put on the market – do you have any idea how closing Cannon will hurt us – not just us, but the entire area including West Texas? Do you even care?

My wife works at Eastern New Mexico Universtiy and the closing of Cannon will have a very negative impact on education throughout the area including public schools, Clovis Community College and Eastern New Mexico Universtiy.

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Steve A. Blakeley
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General James T. Hill

It concerns me that the BRAC Commission is considering closing Cannon Air Force Base.

I have been a resident of Portales, 18 miles South of Cannon, for over 50 years and I want you to know without Cannon I feel Portales would dry-up and blow away. The additional income from the base has sustained Portales through some tough times.

The closure of Cannon will devastate our local community. We are a very small community and we have not had the best of economic conditions for the past several years because farming has been hit really hard and we have had a drought for the past 7 years.

Please, reconsider you would hurt my lively hood and that of many others in our area for years go come.

I also like to go out to Cannon each year for their open house and see what our country is doing to protect it's self. I am proud of our country and of Cannon please do not take that away for me.

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23 May 2005
The BRAC commission

Dear Sirs,

I am a veteran, from the Vietnam Era. I served at Cannon AFB from '72-'74. Clovis has been my home from then until the present.

I feel it would be a serious mistake to close Cannon. Our community has in the past taken major steps to purchase land around Cannon to help preserve its existance + expansion capabilities. We are very serious about keeping Cannon and maintaining its leadership as a tactical training base.

I am asking you to keep Cannon.

Steve Platt
Clovis, NM

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Dear Sirs:

Thank you for all the work you have put into the decisions of which bases should be closed. As a taxpayer, we appreciate your interest in saving our country tax dollars anywhere and everywhere you can.

However, we think that Cannon Air Force Base should be taken off the list of bases to close. These young families and young airmen and women are such an asset to our community. They do volunteer work, they join our church's and community projects, they add so much to our lives. They bring in fresh ideas, new innovations, and make Clovis and Portales much better and interesting places to live.

How can you put a price on community involvement? How can you put a price on getting new life pumped into a community? We love having the AFB here! Our whole community will lose much more than just an excellent AFB, that has proven it's military worth over and over again. We will lose our friends, our retirees that make this community a wonderful place to live and retire. We have numerous retired military personnel who will have to relocate to other bases due to the medical care they receive here at Cannon. We don't want to lose these people!

When it comes down to the money or the people. We would rather have the people! This is one town that wants the airplanes flying overhead, it makes us feel secure. We very much want you to reconsider our beloved base and take it off the list to close.

Sincerely,
Mildred Roach Darryl Roach
Mildred and Darryl Roach
2208 Wallace Street
Clovis, NM 88101

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To whom It may Concern:

On Friday the 13th Clovis, NM was brought to its knees after receiving the devasting news that Cannon AFB was on the closure list.

I will write to you on a personal level of what this means to our community. I am coming from a perspective of a third generation "Clovisite". The economic and emotional trauma will be devasting. Not only will this result in countless bankruptcies by crippling our local economy, it will forever change the very heart of community. Cannon is a part of our community. The people of Cannon attend our schools, churches, and events. They also (as in my family's case) actually become members of our families through marriage.

We are asking you to sincerely consider all the new information given to you & reconsider your position on placing Cannon on the list for closure.

This decision is vital to over 30,000 people in Clovis and countless surrounding communities in N.M. such as Portales, Melrose, Sangor, Floyd, etc. and Texas areas such as Farwell, Friona, Bovina, Amarillo, Hereford, etc.

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Right now our local economy is already staring to suffer. Real estate contracts are being cancelled and builders are stopping or just trying to complete existing jobs & then the layoffs will begin. The domino effect it will have on this community will be & is frightening. It may seem small to you, but to us it's enormous.

With an open heart & mind - please consider our value as military installation. Not only that - a pleasant place for our troops to return home to. We will embrace them as our own.

Changing your position in any situation can not only be wise, but sometimes it it absolutely necessary. We will hope & pray for wisdom for the BRAC commission as they make these life changing decisions for our nation and our communities.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Gray

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Dear BRAC commission,

I strongly feel that Cannon AFB should not be on the closure list for many of the following reasons. As a retiree who stayed here I know that Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, West Texas (including Amarillo and Lubbock) are home to a large military retiree population. These people rely on Cannon Air Force base for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more. I personally use the commissary, exchange, auto shop and gymnasium. There is not another installation close by to serve our retired military. Our 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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Cannon has been home for me for close to 20 years. Clovis would be seriously compromised should Cannon be closed. The security and safety that it provides, as well as the number of jobs for the people of Clovis, Portales, and surrounding areas, is certainly reasons to consider keeping Cannon open. Many of the military have invested in housing and community projects with their families, in schools, taxes and more. It is an important asset to Curry, Roosevelt Counties as well as the state of New Mexico.

Sincerely,
Pamela Gilbert
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Thank You For your time and reconsideration of this issue.

In Support of Our Troops,

Cynthia McAlister

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BRIGADIER GENERAL SUE E. TURNER

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I AM A COLLEGE SENIOR ABOUT TO GRADUATE WITH A DEGREE IN ELECTRONICS. WITH THE DECISION TO CLOSE CANNON THERE HAVE BEEN MANY ANTICIPATED PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN CANCELLED IN OUR AREA. THESE PROJECTS WERE TO PROVIDE JOBS IN THE FUTURE FOR ME AND OTHERS LIKE ME. WITH THE DECISION TO CLOSE CANNON OUR GROWING CITY WILL BE DEVASTATED AND THE FUTURE OF MANY GRADUATES IN THIS AREA WILL TAKE A TURN FOR THE WORSE.

PLEASE RECONSIDER THE DECISION ON CLOSING CANNON.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

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The flying is perfect here, Sunny skys all year long (Its a desert area!) and no mountains, no encroachment problems, bombing range nearby and supersonic capabilities!

Please help CANNON AFB

Most sincerely,
Monica Halbrook

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To Whom It May Concern, 2005/5/29

My name is Rachel N Saddler, and I live in Bovina, Tx which is 33 miles from Clovis, NM where Cannon AFB is located. I am writing this letter to voice my concerns in reference to the closing of the Base.

My family and myself rely on Clovis for all of our needs due to our town being small. We all believe if the base is closed, Clovis will suffer some very hard times.

The town of Clovis has relied on Cannon to help support its economy. Granted it has a few others for support, but I believe majority comes from the base and its soldiers that live in or near the city.

Having the base that close also allows security and piece of mind to those close and in a 250 mile radius to Cannon. Knowing we have soldiers and a base for protection that close. ~~allows~~ It also allows the civilians the chance to thank them for putting their life on the line without hesitation.

Having Cannon so close to ~~near~~ rural cities allows all soldiers who come to visit their families have a place to go if they need somethings while away from their post. I have two uncles and a brother-in-law whom use ~~that~~ Cannon while visiting

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There is no smog or pollution problem in this region and the dryness of our climate is an asset against corrosion and rust.

Eastern New Mexico and West Texas (including Amarillo and Lubbock) are home to a large military retiree population. These people rely on CAFB for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more. There is not another installation within 225 miles or more to serve our retired military.

Please consider these issues and decide to "Keep Cannon".

Sincerely,

Ronald Dickson

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Date: July 3, 2005

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We have no large airport or structures, therefore Cannon has abundance of air space and no encroachment issues.

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Clovis and the surrounding communities support Cannon AFB and they have created a great relationship. Please reconsider the recommendation to close Cannon.

Please "KEEP CANNON".

Sincerely,

Ronald Dickson

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29 June 2005

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Admiral (Ret.) Harold Gehman
Commissioner
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Dear Admiral Gehman,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your attention to the delegation from Indiana during the recent BRAC Hearing in St. Louis. I hope that the testimony helped you realize the importance of Indiana Military installations, in particular NSWC Crane and CAAA, to our Nation's Defense and the Global War On Terrorism. As a concerned taxpayer I support the work you are doing to ensure that our Military operations remain as effective and affordable as possible. I also realize that you have a very difficult job in deciding which activities to re-align or close as part of the BRAC process.

I have been following the BRAC process closely since the proposed closure/re-alignment list was published and I am growing increasingly concerned that DOD has not followed sound judgement in making some of it's recommendations. Data available on the DOD website (www.defenselink.mil/brac) indicates that it is going to cost $150M to move the 152 people working on the ALQ-99 depot from NSWC Crane to NAS Whidbey Island. That equals a cost of nearly $1M per person for the move. In addition, information available at the Federation of American Scientists website (www.fas.org) seems to indicate that the platform for the ALQ-99, the EA-6B Prowler, will begin to be retired from service in the year 2010. I find it hard to believe that it is in the best interest of the DOD and the taxpayers to spend $150M to move 152 people doing work on a system that is about to be removed from service.

I urge you to reconsider the recommendation to re-align the ALQ-99 work from NSWC Crane by properly taking into the costs involved in this re-alignment and the relatively short remaining service life of the equipment.

Very Respectfully,

Dennis L. Gries

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Andrea J. Jacoby
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28 MAY 2005

HONORABLE JAMES V. HANSEN
2521 SOUTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 600
ARLINGTON VA 22202

HONORABLE HANSEN, SIR

With the entire BRAC-related events currently at hand, I'm sure that you are very busy, so I'll get right to my point. I ask that you take the time to reconsider factors that I feel are supportive to justify Cannon AFB's (CAFB) removal from the BRAC list.

I have no idea if you've been to Clovis NM and/or Cannon AFB before, so the following factors, which are a very few of the many, are for you serious consideration:

a. Without a doubt, Clovis has an **unmatched**, positive supporting community relationship with the base for over 50-years. Many military members say that our town-base relationship is the best in the Air Force.
b. Leaders within our community spearheaded the effort to expand and convert the airspace to SUPERSONIC flying through the NM Training Range Initiative. This factor makes equipping CAFB in the future with either the new F/A-22 or F-35 aircraft extremely attractive immediately which allows the AF to better train for real-life situations.
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d. Superb year round flying weather. In the early 90s, Curry County, in conjunction with the State of NM, purchased air easements around CAFB and **GAVE** them to the AF.
e. Noteworthy amounts in immaculate condition of both aircraft ramp parking space and maintenance facilities. We can easily accommodate surge force requirements in training/emergency situations.
f. Extremely low operating costs for utilities such as electricity/water/sewage.
g. Melrose bombing range is located immediately west of the base and is utilized by numerous Air Force installations from all over the Continental United States for bombing exercises to maintain mission readiness for wartime contingencies.
h. CAFB has the space/facilities to accommodate joint war-fight, training and readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy.
i. Within the last few years, the Clovis community purchased land west of Cannon and **GAVE** it back to the AF for the installation of instrument light on the alternate runway.
j. Within the last few years, again, the Clovis community purchased land north of CAFB and **GAVE** it back to the AF for additional housing, now known as Chavez Manor – some stated that it's the best military housing they've lived in. And with our privatization which was to happen this month, we would have 100% premier housing.
k. In addition, Clovis, Portales, Easter New Mexico, Roswell, Tucumcari, West Texas (including Amarillo and Lubbock) are home to in excess of 21,000 military retirees and their families. These people rely on CAFB for healthcare, grocery shopping and countless other amenities. There is not another installation close by to serve our retired military.

The above are just a very few of many remarkable military-related dynamics which justify why CAFB should be removed from the BRAC list. In addition, please consider the following significant issues:

With a community population of only 37,000 and it being located in a seriously remote portion of the state, Clovis and its surrounding communities are **incalculably** dependent upon CAFB for not only future growth, but indeed for their sheer survival. While the "official" estimate is that Clovis could expect a 20% decline in its population and jobs, many experts believe 40%-90% as more realistic! The massive decline in the tax base would negatively impact every facet of the quality of life which is recognized here. As a critical example, school funding would be severely diminished and our children's futures would be negatively impacted. Communities out to a distance of 200 miles would be forever **detrimentally** impacted.

Sir, Clovis and the surrounding area are **exceedingly** proud of their long-standing support of CAFB and our military. In this day and age of global terrorism and the need for a rapidly deployable military, it is imperative that CAFB be not only kept open with its current mission, but that its mission is greatly expanded in the future.

Thank you in advance for your time and reconsideration of removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list, it is most legitimately warranted and justified.

Sincerely,

Andrea J. Jacoby

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Topsham, ME 04086
6 July 2005

Anthony J. Principi, Chairman, BRAC Commission
Polk Building
2521 South Clark St.
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Principi:

We were greatly disturbed when the Department of Defense recommended the Brunswick Naval Air Station for realignment. It is unbelievable that the DOD could even consider this move when the BNAS is the only air base in the Northeast currently available for North Atlantic missions overseas. Additionally, the BNAS is very important to our regional homeland defense mission.

Our congressional delegation and the Brunswick Task Force have determined that the Pentagon erred in both its analysis of the role of the BNAS in national security and its assessment of the impact the base's realignment would have on the region's economy. We are sure they will present to you in detail all these errors and incorrect assumptions. It is particularly disturbing that new facilities would have to be built at NAS Jacksonville that already exist in Brunswick - certainly a waste of taxpayer money.

We urge you to listen carefully to our representatives and overturn the DOD's recommendation to downsize the BNAS.

Very truly yours,
Dan & Anne Hatch
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July 6, 2005

Dear Mr. Principi,

07092005

Hello. I am a Brunswick native and a daughter of a retired military man with 22 years of service including time at BNAS. I am writing in behalf of the impending base closure. The closure could cripple the Midcoast area and the defense of our Northern states. It is in my opinion that if the base were to close that the government would have an economic crisis to contend with in the state of Maine. I realized that the government is trying to condense its military coverage to more strategic areas in efforts to save money. However, realignment/closure of BNAS does not make any sense and it would leave New England naked to the wind. Please Mr. Principi, for the defense of our Northern states and the economic status of my state of Maine, reconsider the realignment/closure of the Brunswick Naval Air Station. We **need** our military here!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Austin

Harpswell, Maine

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June 13, 2005

Honorable Philip Coyle
BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark St.
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Coyle:

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

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May 24, 2005

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Re: CANNON AIR FORCE BASE ON CLOSURE LIST

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS:

Our City and Community, as well as Portales, Roosevelt County, Cities of Amarillo and Lubbock, Texas were all shocked to hear CANNON is on the closure list.

It is most difficult to understand why, as CANNON has met, in fact exceeded the requirements of the Pentagon Officials who developed the closure list. Millions of dollars have been spent recently on expanding the fire station, hospital, runway and the overpass.

It will be very devastating and far reaching for us, even closing one of our schools that mostly children of CANNON attends.

All consideration possible should be given to removing CANNON from the list. We are all human and can make a mistake, and I certainly feel a human error was made when CANNON was placed on the list.

I'm looking forward to attending your meeting in Clovis next month.

Sincerely,

Richard Mandsley

cc:

President George W. Bush
The White House

Gov. Bill Richardson
Santa Fe, NM

Senator Pete V. Domenici
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Ronald Dickson

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There is more room for Cannon to grow if needed.

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Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

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Sincerely,
(signature and address)

We love our base & its people we also want to part of the defence of our Country. Please come & see for yourself

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To Philip Coyle, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to the base.

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We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It is UNLIKE ANY OTHER INSTALLATION IN THE COUNTRY. These towns are home to large military retiree populations which rely on Cannon Air Force Base for healthcare, grocery shopping and more.

Our community has reached out and supported the base like no other community over the past 50 years. We've done so financially, morally, spiritually and above all, consistently. We are proud, honored and blessed to have Cannon Air Force Base. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

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Annette Marie Stout

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BRAC Commission
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Mr. Principi and Esteemed BRAC Commissioners:

I have decided to add my voice to the other citizens of Clovis, New Mexico to ask you to reconsider the posting of Cannon Air Force Base to the closure list. While I understand the logistics of supplying a base located in such a remote location, and the fact that Cannon only possesses a single airstrip, I believe that the Commission has not been properly informed of the potential benefits of keeping this base open. The main points to be stressed are the number of good flying weather days and the proximity of the Melrose Bombing Range with its new supersonic capability. Also, the fact that this is indeed a remote location limits the potential liability in the event of an in-flight emergency or crash.

The Air Force has realized the value of the training areas here in the past, as evidenced by the large number of foreign pilots who have been posted here over the past few years. The newly upgraded supersonic airspace out over open country in conjunction with the viable Melrose Bombing Range should be examined in detail.

Of course, the surrounding communities of Eastern New Mexico and West Texas would love to see this base removed from the BRAC list and would continue to fully support our fighting men and women of the Air Force.

In the end, I realize that this commission has a task to perform to streamline our military forces and that careful consideration was given to each and every base that made the list, but I ask that the Commission take a moment to give Cannon Air Force Base a second look to ensure that all the potential benefits to the overall military mission are taken into account.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Annie S Stout

Annette Marie Stout

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June 13, 2005

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The BRAC Commission
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Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commisioners:

I was upset by the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard base. This recommendation is not in the nation's best interest and the BRAC Commission should reverse this decision and remove them from the closure list.

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All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

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(A concerned Citizen)

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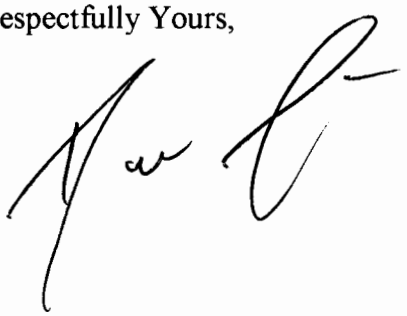

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It has been estimated that closing of Cannon will cost loss of many Jobs, and have a great negative impact on the economy than any other area in the Country.

Sincerely,

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KEY COMMUNITY FACTS:

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- Military discounts offered by local businesses
- The best schools and teaching staff in NM
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Signed: Amber Stallings

PS Please consider Clovis !!

This letter will be copied to send to the following:

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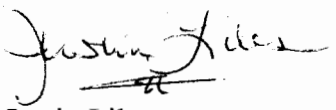
Respectfully Yours,



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Dear Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman:

I am writing in response to the current BRAC recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB) currently located in Clovis, New Mexico. As a life-long resident of a nearby community (Texico, New Mexico) I am truly concerned about the impacts the closure of Cannon would have on our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to bring some items to your attention. First and foremost Cannon does not fit the criteria for base closure. CAFB has an abundance of air space and we do have the encroachment issues of many other bases. In addition, once the New Mexico Training Range Initiative is implemented, we will be able to offer pilots the ability to fly supersonic during training missions. The weather in Eastern New Mexico is also ideal to provide year-round training ability and CAFB has space and facilities to accommodate changes in force requirements in the future. Finally, the Melrose Bombing Range is literally seconds from the runway at Cannon, giving pilots the convenience and cost savings of becoming airborne and immediately beginning training, rather than spending precious time and fuel flying to the range and then returning to refuel.

Our local community almost identifies itself with Cannon Air Force Base. Over the last 50 years our surrounding communities have supported CAFB like no other community in our country. Our community has even purchased air easements and land around CAFB and given them to Cannon at no cost! Our community has reached out and supported CAFB financially, morally, spiritually, and above all, consistently.

The closure of Cannon Air Force Base would have an absolutely devastating impact on our community. We have heard estimates that the area would lose as much as 20% of our workforce. This is much larger than estimated in the original recommendations and is completely out of line with the effect of base closings in other communities. Our community is also home to a very large military retiree population who depend on CAFB for healthcare, grocery shopping, and other services.

Cannon Air Force Base is critical for us to survive and prosper as the community we've become. I implore you to please reconsider the original recommendations and consider Cannon's importance to our nation and to my community. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!!

Sincerely,

Monica Sanchez

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Dear BRAC Commissioners:

I am very concerned about the placement of Cannon Air Force Base on the Base Closure List. I have lived in Clovis since 1978 and worked at Cannon since 1989. Some may criticize small town life, but for me, Clovis has been the perfect place to raise my children and develop life-long relationships. In all those years, the community has gone above and beyond to support Cannon AFB.

While the closure of Cannon will have an overwhelming negative effect on my personal life, the impact on the community as a whole will be devastating. Many of the civilians who work at Cannon have lived in Clovis for some time, purchased homes, and planned to retire here. For employees like me who are very close to retirement, but don't yet qualify for early retirement, closing Cannon will pose a significant hardship, particularly since my husband has a job in Clovis that cannot be transferred to another location.

The Clovis-Portales area has begun to grow in the past 2 years, and, through the joint efforts of our city leaders, has attracted new business for the first time in the 27 years I've lived here. Now, with the announcement of the closure, our area faces a crushing blow and the undoing of years of work building the community.

The economic impact of closing Cannon is far greater than the BRAC formulas calculated. For instance, the median wage in our area is lower than the median wage on base, and, as a result, withdrawal of the base as an employer will have a much greater impact on the local economy than the reported 20 percent. Also, many of the small businesses in the community are almost solely dependent on Cannon for contract work and will not survive the closure.

I realize the government doesn't have a responsibility to ensure our community survives, but I believe the benefits of keeping Cannon open far outweigh the costs. During my time at Cannon, I have been proud to work with and support the troops as they have participated in every major conflict from Desert Storm to the current war in Iraq. Our available land, facilities, and airspace give Cannon the potential to continue to be a vital part of the Air Force mission. In fact, many base facilities such as the fire station, tower, and security forces are new facilities with state of the art equipment and accommodations. We also have a nearly new mission support facility and co-located club, newly remodeled fitness center and theater, and a cyber café.

With our lack of encroachment, Cannon is well suited to assume new missions. Additionally, our environment provides a unique opportunity for personnel to train in desert terrain similar to that found in current areas of conflict. Finally, due to our recent growth, the Clovis-Portales community is now even more capable of accommodating an influx of personnel and mission to the base than it was in the past.

I ask you to look at Cannon and its capabilities and reconsider the value of our base to the Air Force mission.

Sincerely,

Eileen M Coker

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Dear, Admiral Harold W. (Hal) Gehman Jr.,

I am a housewife; I live in Portales, NM. I was a Sergeant in the United States Air Force form 1985 through 1991. I was at RAF Upper-Heyford, England and Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico. I met my husband while I was in the Air Force while I was stationed at Cannon Air Force Base. We now have a beautiful and wonderful daughter, ***(Beth)*** age 8 in our lives. I don't use the base anymore but I understand the importance of it. I worked on the flight controls of the F-111C, D, FB, & EF aircraft. It would be a great loss to those who can use the Base.

I know you have to put a lot of things into consideration, and I know you can not, so much look at my feelings and the others in the surrounding town. Also the economic impacts, there are so many things you can conceder, on is the encroachment issues which is one of BRAC's standards, we don't have **(NO)** ! Encroachment issues at Cannon Air Force Base, but many of the Air Force Bases that are slated to receive our F-16 have major encroachment issues such as Hill Air Force Base & Luke Air Force Base, which to mention the local communities don't even want the Air Force Bases in their communities. Cannon Air Force Base is slightly to the west of Clovis, and Clovis is currently growing to the north away from Cannon Air Force Base, which will cease if Cannon Air Force Base closes.

I have seen the building contractors cease building and have heard the Banks have stopped loans on all projects that are not already paid for by individuals. The contractors went home and the house sites untouched since. Remember that Clovis is growing away from Cannon Air Force Base, which leaves Cannon Air Force Base lots of room on the ground, also in the air Cannon Air Force Base has no other Airport to speak of to competing for air space.

Our community has done several things in the past to ensure this issue in the 1990's. Curry County and the State of New Mexico purchased air easements around Cannon Air Force Base for encroachment protection. Leaders in our community have worked with the New Mexico training range initiative to expand the flight capabilities of pilots at Cannon Air Force Base to include Super Sonic Flights at a lower altitude to accommodate modern tactical combat training requirements, while other communities are doing their best to push the military out. On different occasions our local community has purchased land and given it to Cannon Air Force Base for needs they had at the time.

I know weather is a big factor with any aircraft. Our weather here is perfect for flying year round, and with Melrose bombing range minutes away off the end of the runway, the Cannon pilots have quick access to extensive training with little travel time, saving lots of fuel and money for the Military.

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Secondarily, we are all familiar with remote controlled airplanes. How often do we see people with remote controlled aircraft go to densely populated areas that are full of buildings and other obstacles (encroachments) in order to practice flying the planes? Don't we typically see these people take the planes to parks or recreation areas that have plenty of wide open space with few obstacles where they can practice maneuvers unhindered? If the military is going to more "pilot less" aircraft, what better environment to fly in than the wide open spaces afforded Cannon Air Force Base?

So many more thoughts and questions, but I promised to keep it brief. Thank you again for your valuable time.

Sincerely,

Terry Blaschke

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cc:

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Commissioner Adm. Harold W. Gehman, Jr.
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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi,

I would like to express my concern with the BRAC Commissions decision to close Cannon Air Force Base.

The Commission really needs to take a closer look at Cannon and the support that comes from the surrounding communities, to include many west Texas and Texas Panhandle cities. Cannon has been the oasis for thousands of Military Retirees since the closure of Reese AFB in Lubbock, TX. Without Cannon we retirees will be forced to travel over 300 miles to reach the next closest Military installation which will be either Ft. Bliss or Kirtland AFB. For many of us that will be a two (2) day affair, to do our shopping and medical care.

All this coupled with the impact this closure will have on the loss of jobs, which will cost each State hundreds of thousands of dollars in un-employment wages, the weakened economy with the closure will inherently lead to a raise in the cost of goods and services to compensate for the loss of revenue. Not to mention the lack in faith in our leaders for taking away from our communities and from our National Security in reducing the necessary means to continue a vital role in the defense of our great nation.

Cannon was my first assignment in the US Air Force and set the pace for the rest of my Military Career, in which it was an absolute Honor to have retired from the US Air Force at Cannon.

Mr. Principi, I worked for you when you held the position as Secretary of Veterans Affairs, you did the Veterans and Active Duty Combat Returnees right, and I hope you'll do the same as a BRAC Commission Member for all those who served and supported and, those who will in the future serve and support the Mission and the Military,DOD,Civil Sevice and Military Dependant and all Military Retirees in all concerned communities who depend on Cannon for their survival.

So, PLEASE DON'T CLOSE CANNON, it is vital to our National Security and our communities.
Thank-you for your time Mr. Principi, I trust you will do the right thing.

Respectfully Yours,
Christopher Cook
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Re: Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico

Honorable Commissioner James Bilbrary:

Thank you in advance for taking a few minutes to read this letter. I realize during the BRAC process you will be hard pressed with your time so I will attempt to keep it short. My understanding is that the key element in the determination of keeping, closing or realigning a base is "military value". I also realize that "military value" must include future considerations, some of which cannot be disclosed to the public. In reviewing the criteria by which each base is reviewed, it appears that Cannon meets all criteria, therefore, rather than rehash the criteria I present the following for your consideration.

My son is a senior at Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee where he is a Political Communications Major. Being home for summer break when the BRAC report came out in mid-May and prior to any review of the recommendations in the report, I asked him hypothetically of course, if he was Secretary of Defense, what his primary concerns for America would be. He said "the borders". I asked further, what concerns he had about American borders and his reply centered around terrorism. So I asked for further explanation as to what he would do to protect the borders. To which he replied that his idea would be to build up the military presence near those areas that may be terrorist targets in an attempt to deter terrorism (due to the show of strength) and response time. Assuming some of those ideas may have been a part of discussions concerning the BRAC recommendations I then asked him to consider the build up of the American military presence in Hawaii during World War II and what happened as a result. Is it possible that the closing of Cannon and bases in South Dakota and Alaska along with the buildup of bases in more densely populated areas may actually play into the hands of Americas enemies? In event of attack, would it not be militarily advantageous to have response teams in place away from intended points of attack where the attackers cannot create substantial civilian and military casualties at the same time? Does history repeat itself? What can we do to learn from it and make choices to avoid the same mistakes?

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Personal Reasons:

1) I'm retired AF and planned planed my retirement life around a [illegible] base. It is too late for me to move and start all over.
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3) My wife is a realtor and is already losing money with the announcement of possible closure.
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Base Web Cite

1) The base web cite states it all:
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   f) We are the wing of choice when our nation calls 911 for lethal warfighters to apply combat power.
   g) We are the World's Most Lethal Warfighting Team, and we're ready to accomplish any task, any time, anywhere!
   h) World's best at flying and fixing airplanes
   i) World's best at deploying mission ready warriors and equipment.
   j) Plan for Cannon's long-term lethality

2) These are not my quotes, but copied directly from the base web cite. These are pretty powerful words and to me say the main reasons to keep it open.
3) Either we have been brainwashed over the years, or the commanders believed these statements to be true!

Cannon Entrance

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Computer Screen Savers on Base

1) Every screen saver on every computer also has the scrolling message "World's Most Lethal Warfighting Team"

We could state all of the awards Cannon has received, talk about the ability to grow because we don't have any problem with encroachment, talk about the valuable air space we have, etc., But I want to keep this short and to the point.

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I remember that prior to WW II the mind set was that we no longer needed a strong military. WW I was to have eliminated the need. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor there was a scramble to build a military capable of defending our country. Citizens rallied around and we were able to overcome obstacles. With today's sophisticated weaponry that time frame will not be available. We must be ready and not become complacent again. When our country is perceived as weak we become vulnerable. A strong and well placed military is essential.

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The military people are an integral part of our community. Our climate is good and people are friendly.For the most part., we do have a few grouches! There are many military retirees who have settled here because of the climate and the nearness of Cannon. The shopping and eating facilities are expanding, the schools are excellent, there is a fine medical facility that is growing and adding services and there is sufficient quality housing.

Having lived in the El Paso Texas area from the 1950's till 1972 I witnessed the encroachment of the city of El Paso on the military installations there. Clovis however, has successfully made effort to keep this from happening and to accommodate military needs.

Please consider the huge negative economic impact that will occur if Cannon AFB is closed. Clovis alone will loose an estimated 25% in sales ($62 million) each year. The well being of our citizens is at stake as businesses will close, schools become under funded and crime increase due to poor economic conditions. Please, consider both the importance of the base to our National Security and to the citizens of Eastern New Mexico. and keep Cannon AFB open.

Sincerely;
Diana Elliott

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805 Sunrise
Clovis NM 88101

DCN: 4870

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

BRAC Commission
Received
6/23/2005

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THE BRAC COMMISSION
2521 S Clark Street
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Members of the BRAC COMMISSION:

I write this letter to ask that you seriously reconsider the current recommendation for Cannon Air Force Base to be closed.

As a full time employee of Clovis Community College, I can attest to the fact that Cannon Air Force Base is a vital part of our community and to the defense of the United States of America. I have read as much as has been printed about the reasons given for the current recommendation for closure and believe that all the attributes Cannon has to offer have not been fully reviewed. Please consider new unencroached airspace that will be suitable for training at supersonic speeds. This is a considerable value in training the Air Force pilots and other pilots who have come to Cannon Air Force Base such as those Clovis hosted from Singapore in recent years.

The cost of housing and other utilities is very affordable in Clovis and the climate is conducive to flying over 320 days a year. Many other bases cannot even come close to the weather offered to the Air Force pilots at Cannon. If we need to upgrade the planes stationed at Cannon, we are willing to do that and continue serving the nation and training our military personnel to be ready for any type of service needed. Our own Christina Hopper, was the first woman to fly a bombing mission over Iraq and was stationed here at Cannon Air Force Base when she was sent on a mission to help with the war efforts.

Cannon Air Force Base plays a vital role in the defense of America and we value every man, woman, and child who comes to our Clovis community. Please reconsider the valuable attributes Cannon has to offer and help us keep Cannon Air Force Base open.

Thank-you,

Bonnie W. Miller

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Director, Counseling and Advising
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June 19, 2005

The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner
BRAC Commission
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Dear Honorable Skinner:

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In addition, the loss of Cannon will have an emotional effect on the community that will be felt for the next 50 years or more. The emotional impact will negatively affect the financial stability of the economy.

When considering the closure of Cannon, one must understand and investigate Melrose Bombing range. How is it a cost-savings to fly aircraft from Nellis or Luke Air Force Base to the Bombing Range for training only to fly back using more fuel…precious fuel? Closing Cannon and keeping the Melrose Bombing Range will not reduce the cost to protect our country. Thank you for addressing this issue during the hearings and the remainder of your investigation.

I pray you will vote to remove Cannon Air Force Base from the closure list. May God continue to bless you!!!

Sincerely,

Sandra

Dr. Sandra Taylor-Sawyer

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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
BRAC Commission
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Dear Honorable Principi:

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In addition to believe the Melrose Bombing range can stand alone without CAFB is a mistake made by the Pentagon. How can it be a savings to fly aircraft from Nellis or Luke Air Force Base, to practice at Melrose Bombing range than fly back vs. having fuel and maintenance within five minutes of the practice area? The fuel along makes this practice route inefficient. It will not lower the cost of protecting our country. Of course, from the recent BRAC hearings the above conclusions was apparent.

Thank you for reviewing the Pentagon's recommendation in a fair and sensible investigation. Your attention to every detail is most appreciative.

Thank you again!!!

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Thank you for reviewing the thousands upon thousands of pages of the Pentagon's recommendation report and taking the time to evaluate the recommendation fairly and sensible. At the conclusion of your investigation I pray and believe the decision will be made to remove Cannon Air Force Base from the closure list. Your attention to every detail is most appreciative.

Thank you again!!! God Bless!!!

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To conclude that the Melrose Bombing range will be effective for the military without CAFB is a gross understatement made by the Secretary of Defense. How can it be a lower cost to fly aircraft from Nellis or Luke Air Force Base, to the Bombing Range for training only to fly back using more fuel…precious fuel? Closing Cannon and keeping the Melrose Bombing Range will not reduce the cost to protect our country.

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

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

Sincerely,

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I ask you to please reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to my community. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

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BRAC COMMISSION
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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.

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