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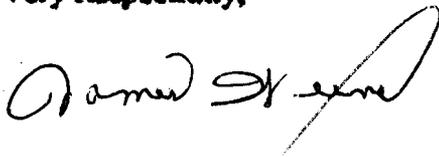
Dear Admiral Gehman,

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 Crane Army Ammunition Activity, 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 judgment in making some of its recommendations. The DOD is required to take into account the return on investment resulting from its closure/re-alignment recommendations. Crane has become a one-stop shop for specialized weapons for our Special Forces Warfighters. Crane did this by being responsive, innovative, technically superior and affordable for these outstanding soldiers. As our reputation for delivering what the customer needed, when it was needed, at a cost that was affordable, more work was brought to us. The proposal to the commission to realign work to China Lake and Picatinny will now split the support to Special Forces to different locations. This will add cost, reduce efficiency and cause a loss in intellectual capital that could take years to replace.

I urge you to reconsider the recommendation to re-align work from NSWC Crane by properly taking into account the Return On Investment requirements of BRAC law.

Very Respectfully,



James Werne

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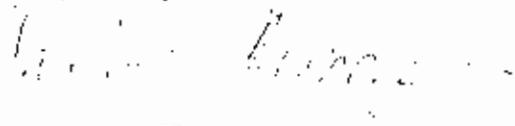
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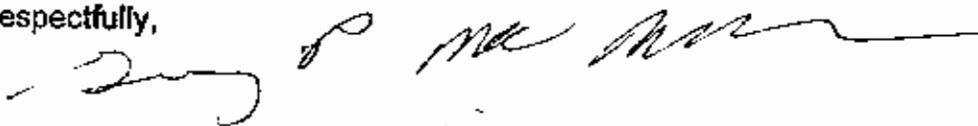
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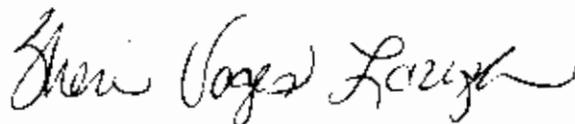
I want to help make the Commission fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include unencroached airspace suitable for training at supersonic speed, many new and existing facilities suitable for joint training exercises, and a low-cost environment that promotes cost-efficient training. Cannon is a real asset to the country's armed forces.

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

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

Sincerely,



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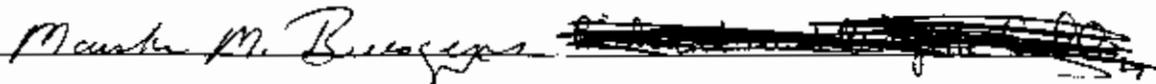
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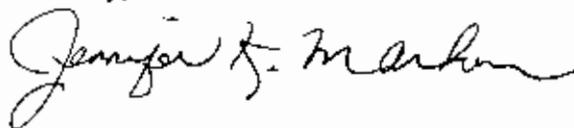
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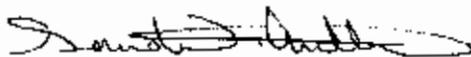
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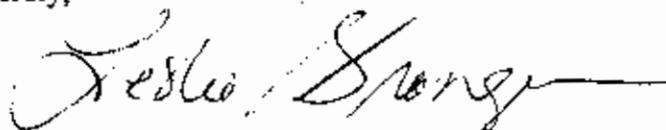
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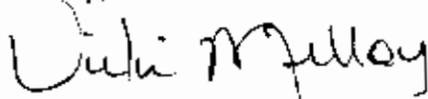
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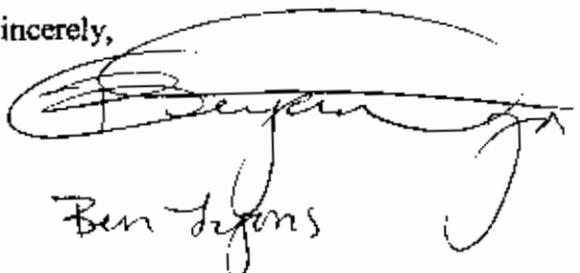
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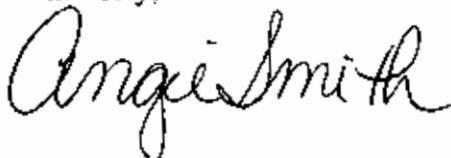
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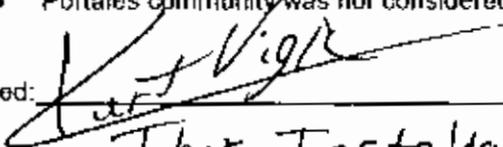
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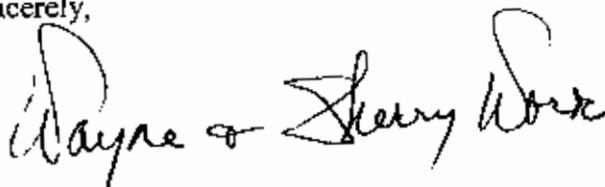
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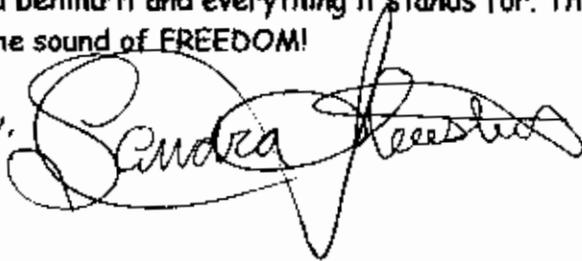
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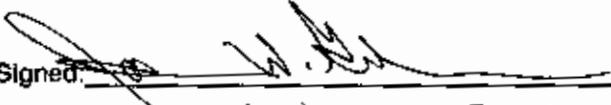
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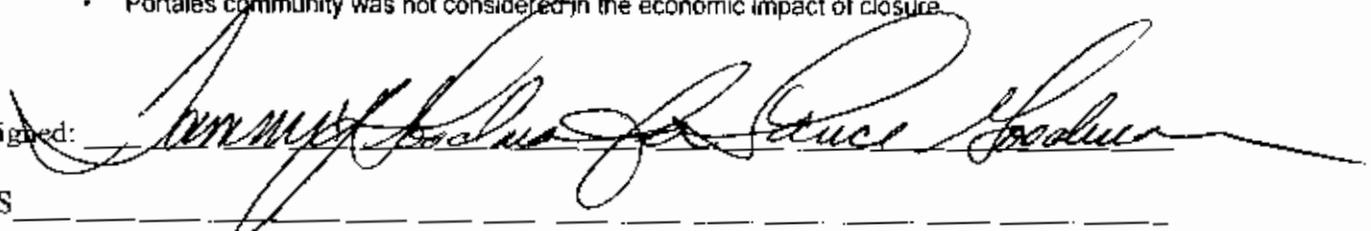
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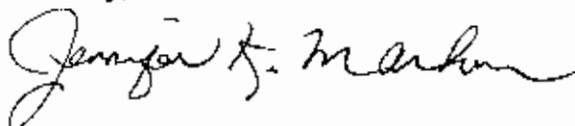
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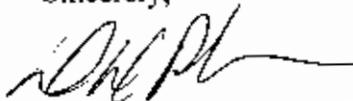
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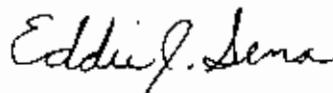
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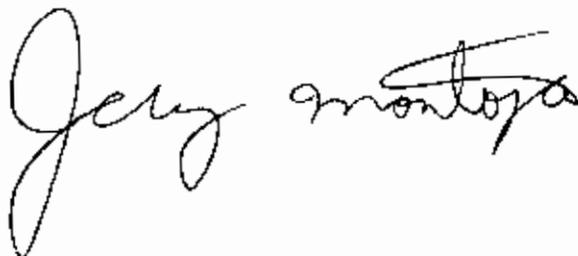
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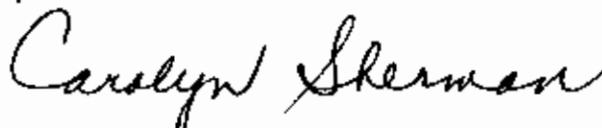
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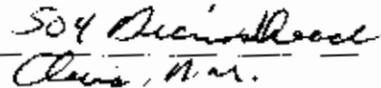
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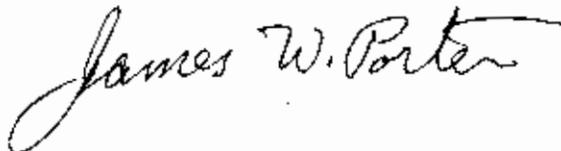
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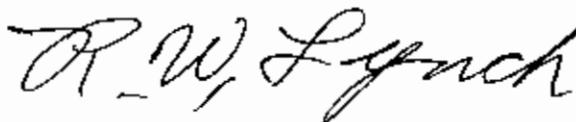
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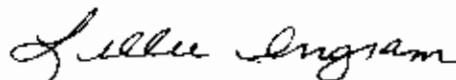
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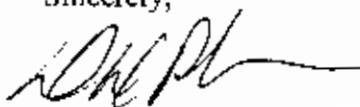
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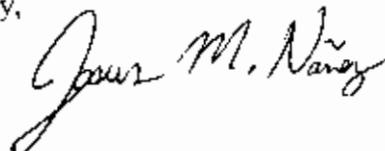
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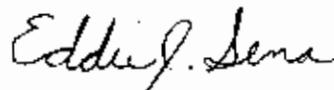
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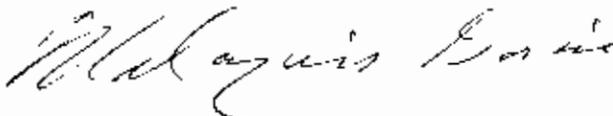
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- Cannon was given credit for only two of the four areas of airspace for flying missions available to its pilots.
- Cannon should have received the maximum score available for its use of the nearby Melrose Bombing Range, which has full capability for the dropping of all types of weapons and providing more realistic practice using land targets verses dropping over water
- Clovis city leaders approved the extension of the runway at Clovis Municipal Airport from 6,200 feet to 8,600 feet, giving Cannon access to a suitable auxiliary airfield within 50 miles.
- Cannon could double in size for about \$5 million.
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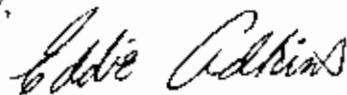
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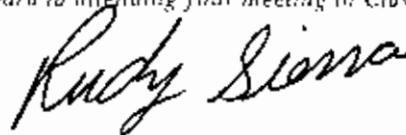
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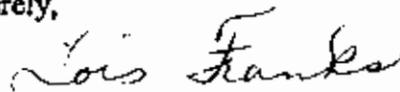
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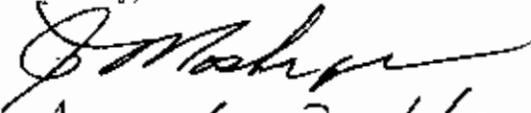
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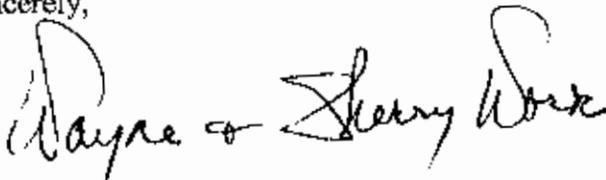
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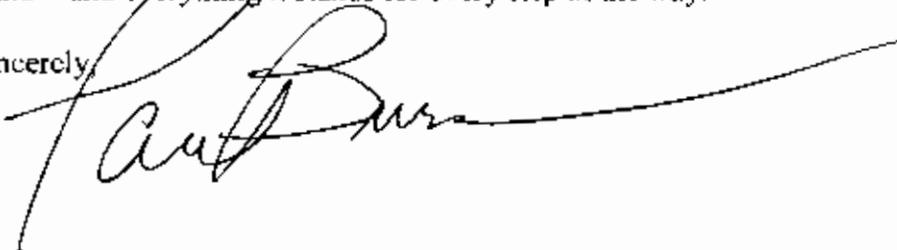
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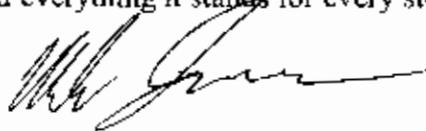
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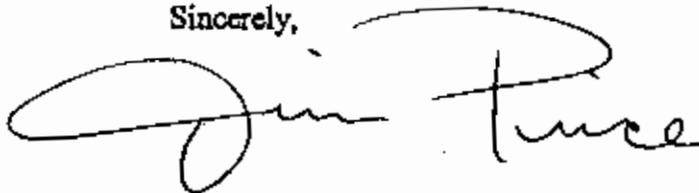
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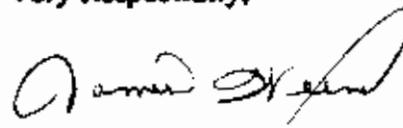
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Very Respectfully,



James Wern

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Sincerely,

John T. Berberich
 (A Concerned Citizen)

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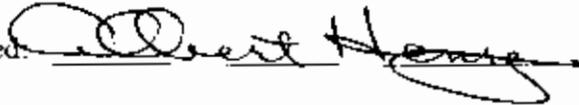
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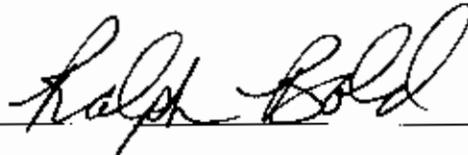
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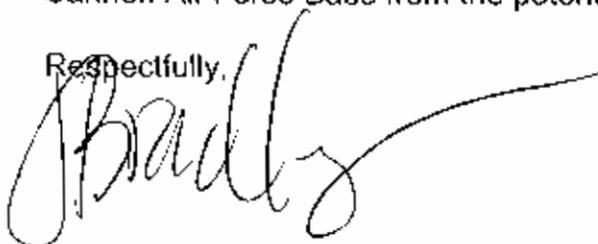
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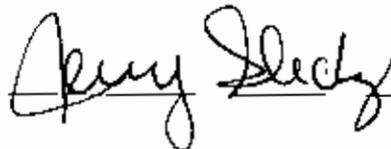
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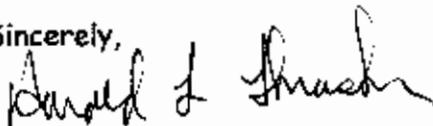
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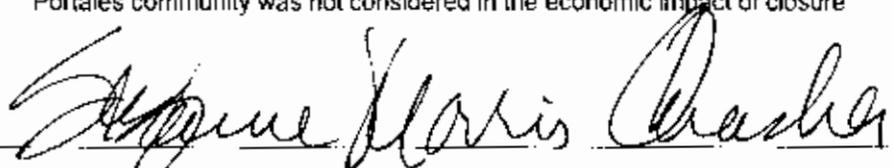
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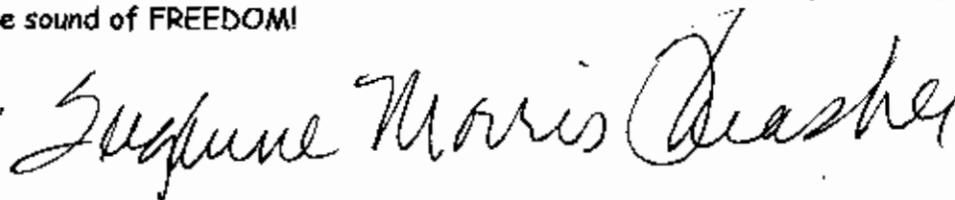
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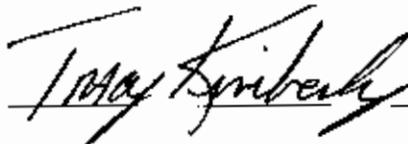
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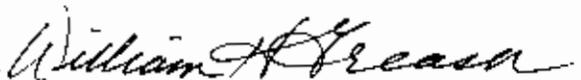
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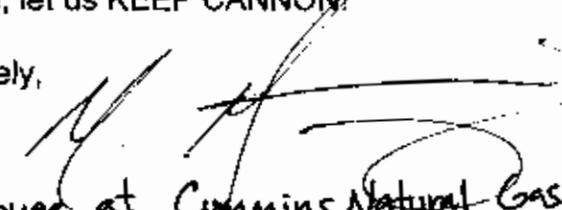
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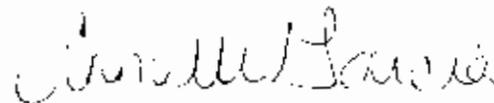
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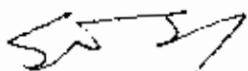
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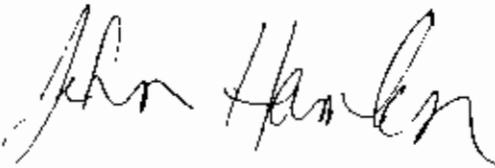
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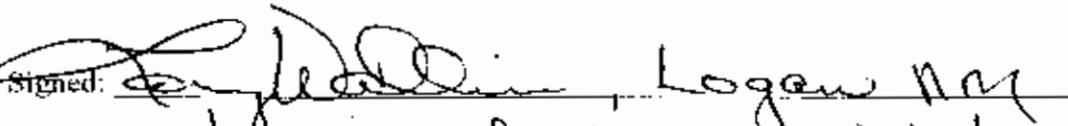
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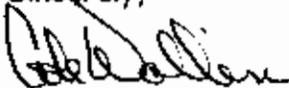
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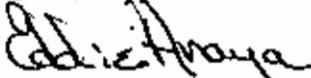
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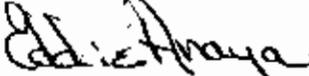
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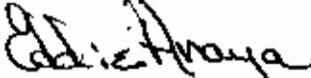
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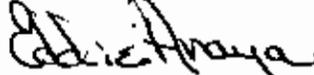
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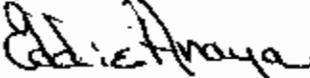
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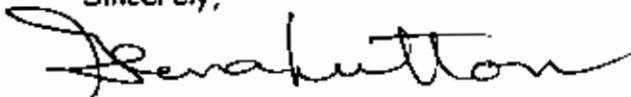
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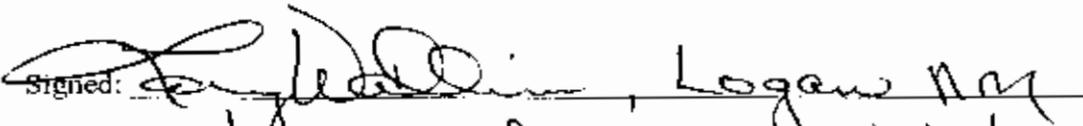
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Signed: *[Signature]*

PS *Help us please!!*

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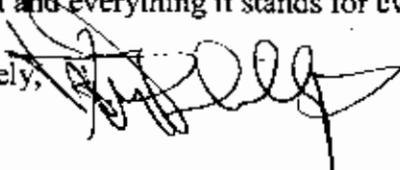
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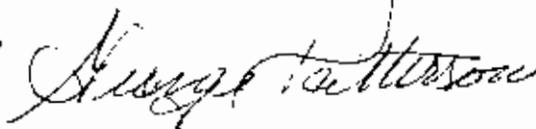
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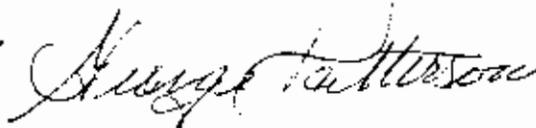
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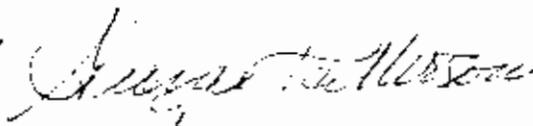
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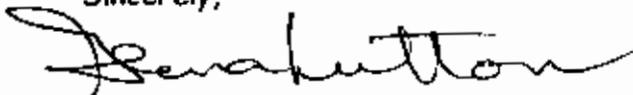
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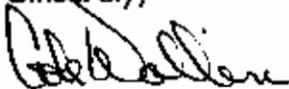
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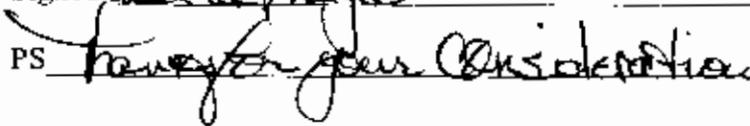
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- New Civic Center under construction for increased community events
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Signed: 

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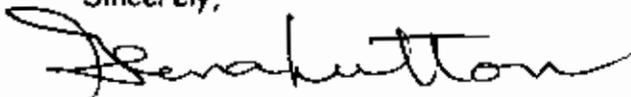
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Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

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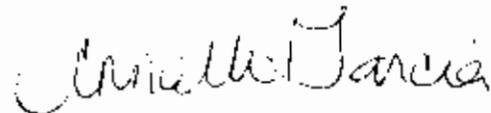
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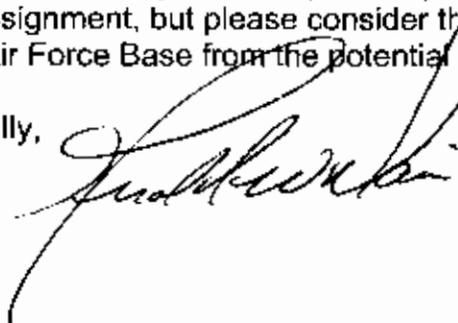
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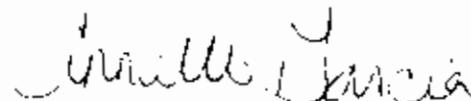
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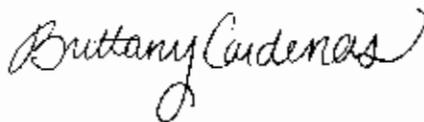
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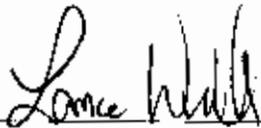
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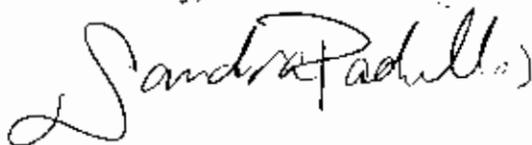
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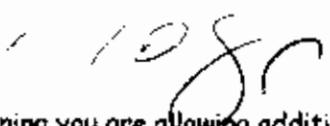
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- Melrose bombing range is seconds away
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- New VA Clinic opened this year
- Expansion and new industry is providing job opportunities for spouses and children
- Many new housing developments are providing housing needs
- New restaurants, building suppliers, and retail businesses adding to the established base
- New Civic Center under construction for increased community events
- Military discounts offered by local businesses
- The best schools and teaching staff in NM
- A Christian-based community that is family oriented and caring
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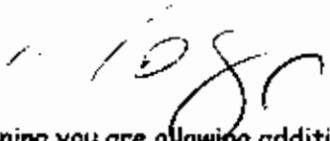
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*Roger Joe Krow
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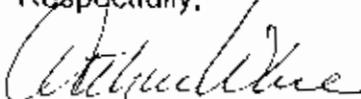
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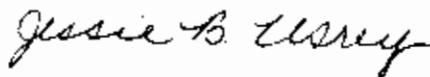
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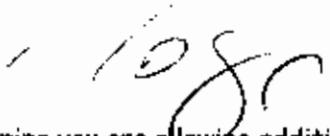
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Ben Hayes
1201 Riverside Drive
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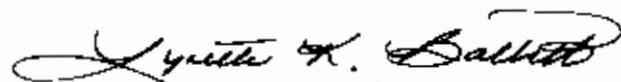
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Roger Jackson
Ideal Auto Sales

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on us if you close CANNON.
Please Don't

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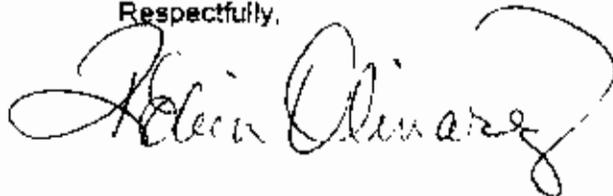
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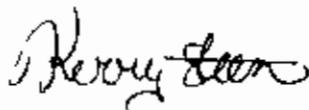
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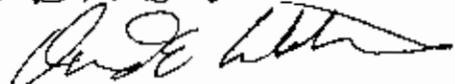
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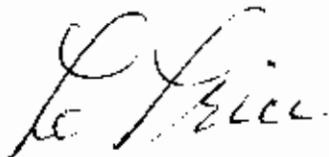
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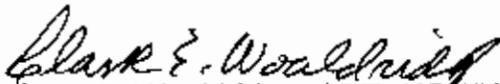
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Melissa Staughton

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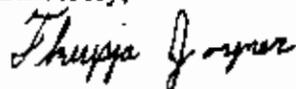
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979 Gayle Street
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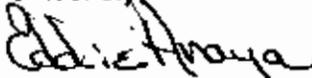
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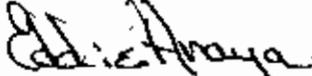
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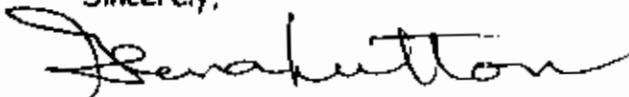
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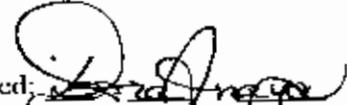
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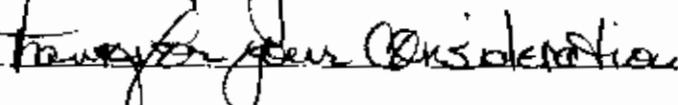
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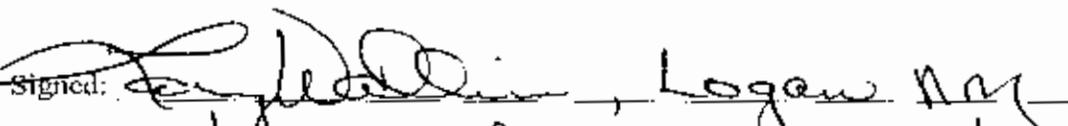
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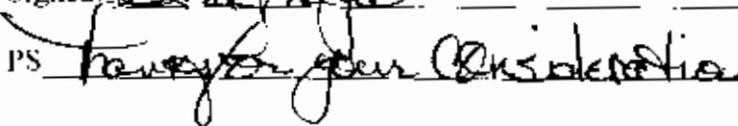
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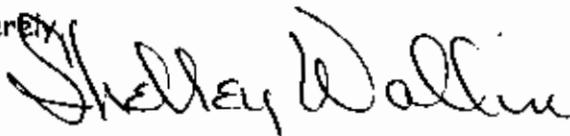
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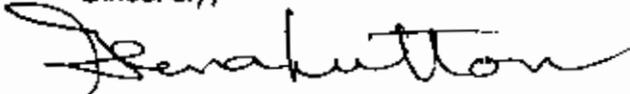
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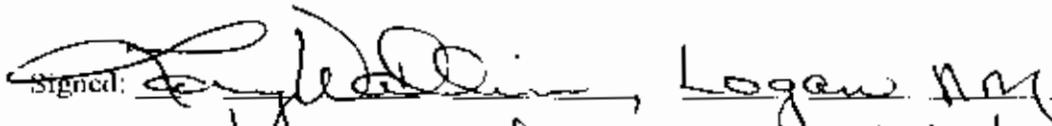
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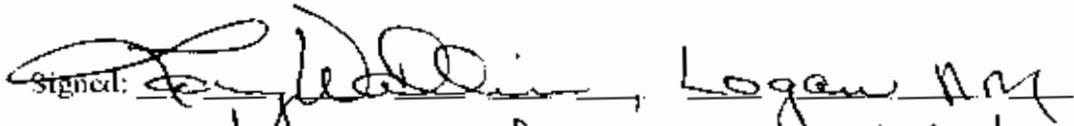
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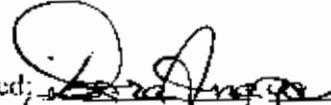
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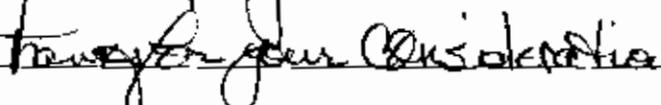
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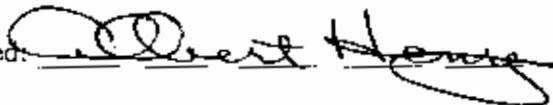
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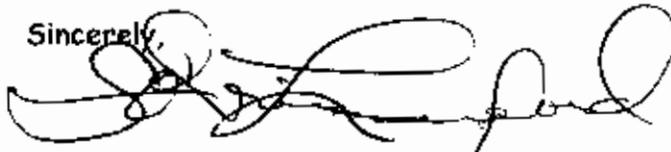
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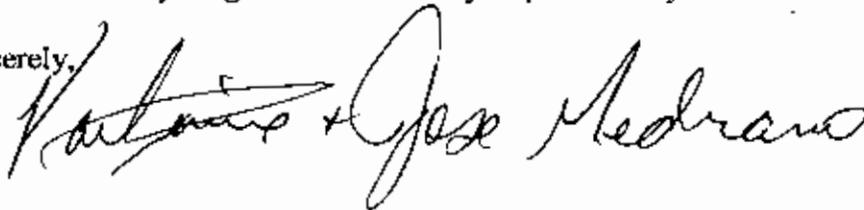
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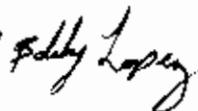
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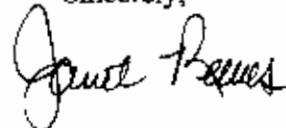
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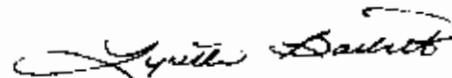
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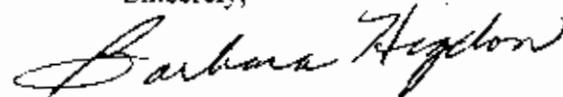
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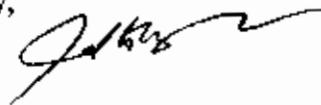
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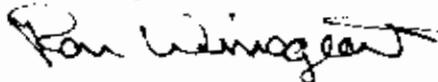
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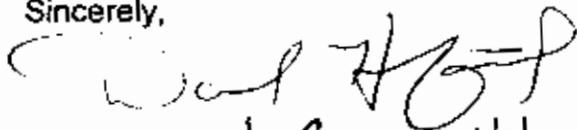
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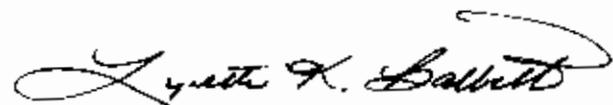
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Law White

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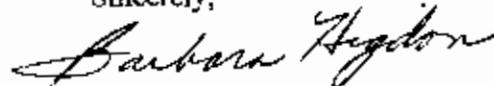
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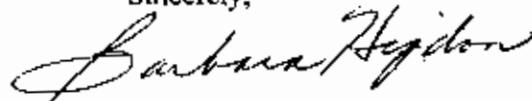
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PLEASE Help US!

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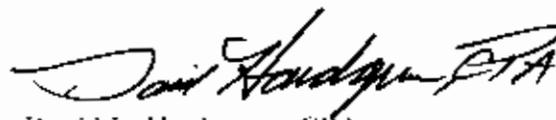
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Signed: *John Kilgore*

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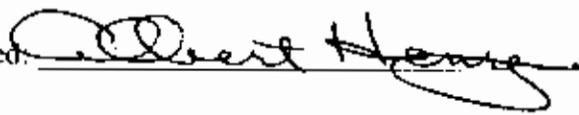
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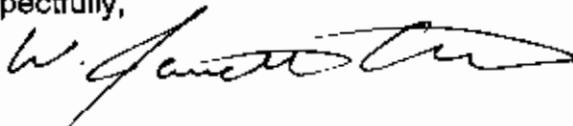
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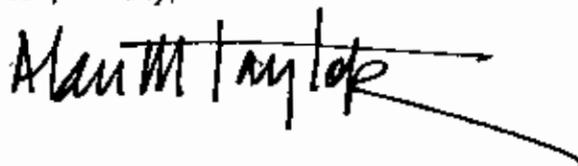
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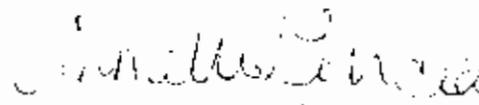
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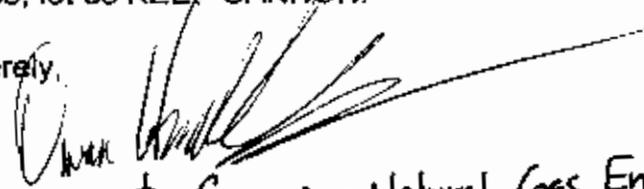
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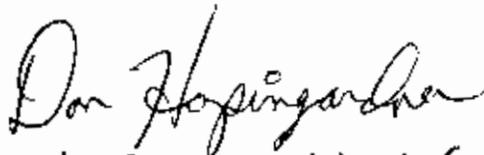
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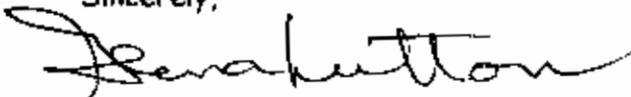
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Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic flying, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runways at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin their training operations over the area.

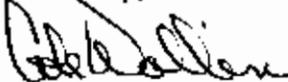
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Sincerely,



By signing you are allowing additional copies to be made and mailed to the following: CC: BRAC Commissioners; Anthony J. Principi, James H. Bilbray, Philip Coyle, Harold W. Gehman Jr., James V. Hansen, James T. Hill, Lloyd "Fig" Newton, Samuel Knox Skinner, Sue Ellen Turner, President George W. Bush, Mrs. Laura Bush, Gov. Bill Richardson, Senators: Pete Domenici, Jeff Bingaman Rep. Tom Udall, Heather Wilson

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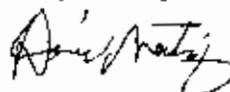
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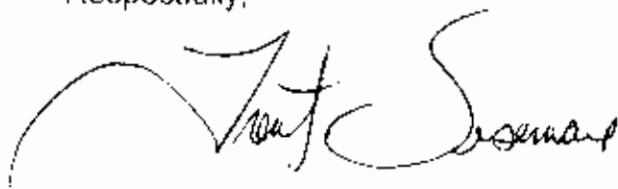
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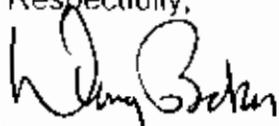
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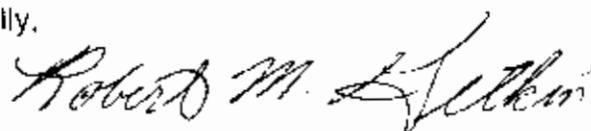
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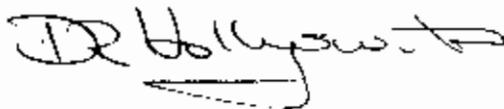
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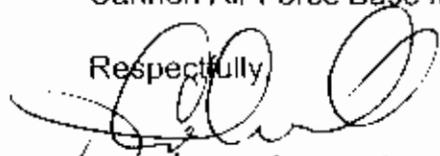
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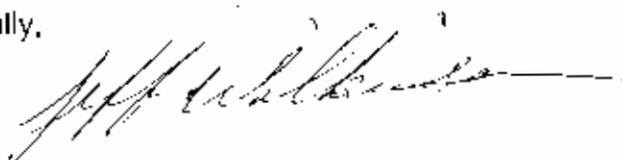
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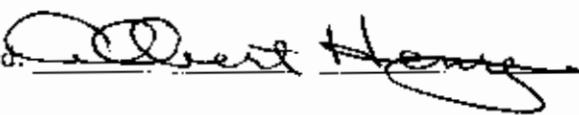
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KEY MILITARY FACTS:

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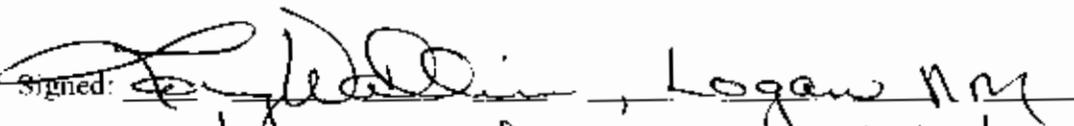
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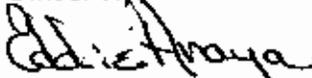
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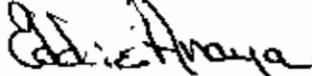
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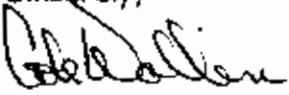
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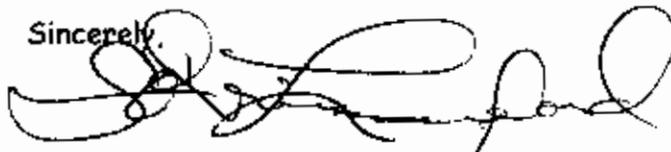
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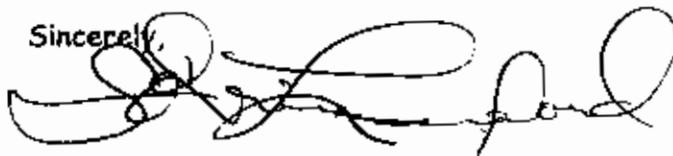
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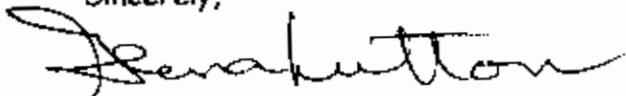
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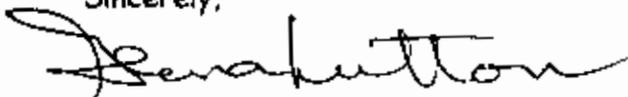
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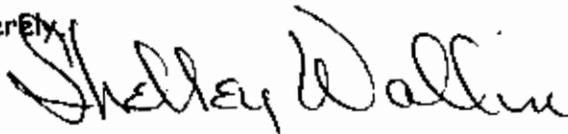
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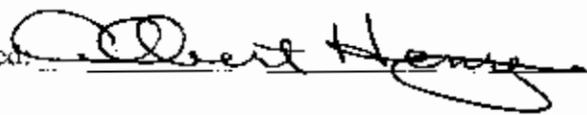
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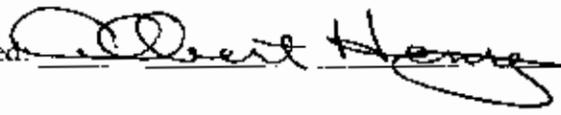
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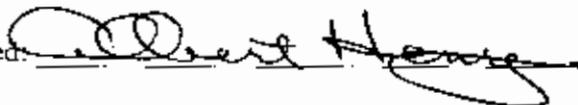
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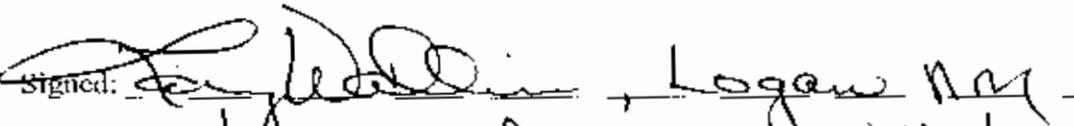
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Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic flying, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runways at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin their training operations over the area.

In the early 90's, Curry County, in conjunction with the state of New Mexico purchased air easements around Cannon AFB and GAVE them the 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 AFB 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.

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.

As hopefully you will personally witness, the relationship between Cannon AFB 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 AFB 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 and will stand behind it and everything it stands for. The sound of those jets flying over is the sound of FREEDOM!

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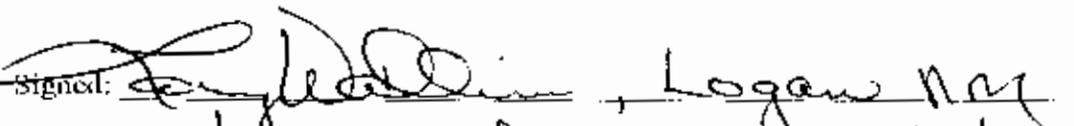
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- Great year-round weather for flying conditions
- Melrose bombing range is seconds away
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- Ample space and ramp space for surge force requirements
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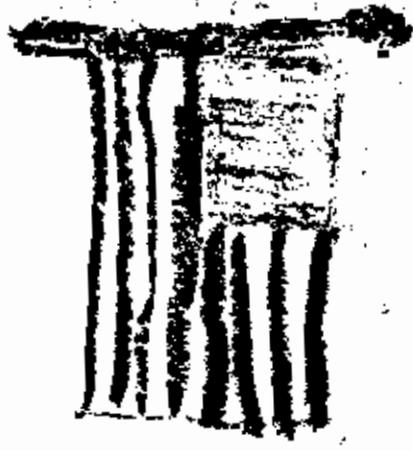


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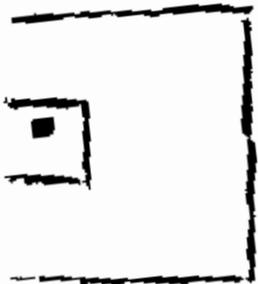
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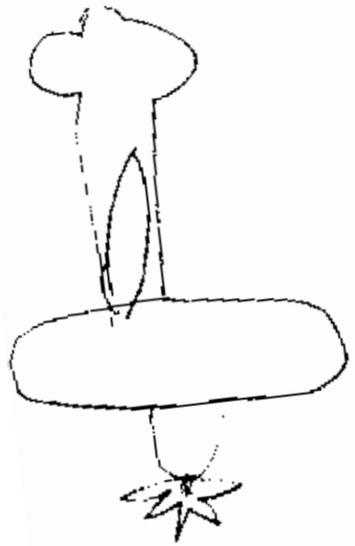


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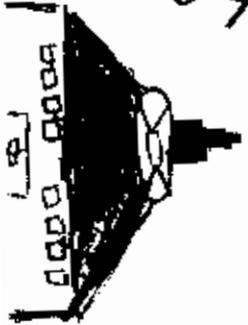
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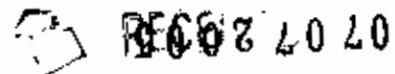
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- Consider the economic impact of Clovis and the surrounding communities, including Amarillo and Lubbock, would be affected tremendously.
- The consequence of loss of resources to thousands of retired military families that live in Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, and West Texas would be devastating. These people rely on Cannon for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more. There is not another installation close to serve our retired military.
- Consider the strategic response time for protection of the BWXT Pantex, Bell Helicopter and all other heavy industrial facilities in the surrounding area.
- Cannon Air Force Base is a top notch facility with plenty of space for expansion and is an approved base for super sonic flight. The abundance of air space and lack of encroachment issues provide safe and realistic training scenarios for pilots.
- The relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding cities, Clovis, Portales, and many West Texas cities, is unlike any other installation in the country.

In summary, the Clovis and surrounding communities have reached out and supported the base like no other community financially, morally, spiritually, and above all, consistently over the past 50 years. I know that you are faced with a difficult assignment, but please consider the points listed above and remove Cannon Air Force Base from the potential closing list under consideration.

Respectfully,

Stovene Miller Johnson — *Bergon, TX*
Home Air Force Service Pilot
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Dear BRAC Committee,

We the surrounding communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon AFB a part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be closed.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic flying, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runways at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin their training operations over the area.

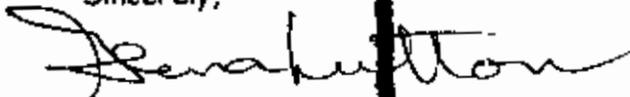
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Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war fighting, training, and readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy. Cannon has won countless awards, both on the ACC level, Air Force and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

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The Honorable Lloyd Newton
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

Dear Commissioner Newton,

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

I want to help make the Commission fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include unencroached airspace suitable for training at supersonic speed, many new and existing facilities suitable for joint training exercises, and a low-cost environment that promotes cost-efficient training. Cannon is a real asset to the country's armed forces.

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

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

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,

Louis White

PS. On a personal note, the closure of Cannon Air Force Base would devastate the Clovis Community
Please review your findings.
Thank you

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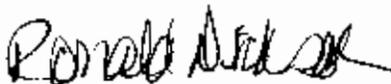
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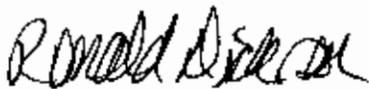
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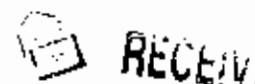
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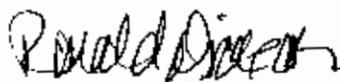
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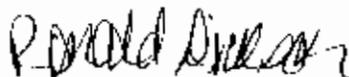
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PLEASE "KEEP CANNON".

Sincerely,



**Ronald Dickson
R&D Service Center**

**operation
KEEP CANNON**

07092005

Dear Samuel Knox Skinner,

Cannon Air Force Base has been an important part of Clovis and the surrounding communities for more than fifty years, and it means a great deal to this area of the country. PLEASE take a moment to read the following lines that explain how our community feels about Cannon, and some reasons why we believe that Cannon should remain open.

Curry County and the State of New Mexico purchased air easements around Cannon AFB in the 1990's and GAVE them to the Air Force.

In the past the local community has purchased land north of Cannon AFB and GAVE it to the Air Force for extra base housing. And more recently, the community bought land west of Cannon and GAVE it to the Air Force so that instrument lighting could be installed on their alternate runway.

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. (Albuquerque, Ft. Worth, Alamogordo)

Cannon has the, facilities, and ramp space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations, readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy.

Cannon has a great relationship with all the surrounding communities, and has also won awards at ACC, Air Force, and NAF levels. We urge you to PLEASE "KEEP CANNON".

Sincerely,



Ronald Dickson
R&D Service Center

operation
KEEP CANNON

07092005

Dear Anthony J. Principi,

I would like to take this opportunity to express to you how important it is to Clovis and the surrounding communities to have Cannon Air Force Base. Listed below are several reasons why I believe Cannon AFB should remain open. PLEASE take the time to review my letter and reconsider the recommendation to close Cannon.

All city services will be reduced: City police, Sheriff, Hospital, Paramedics, Fire Dept., etc., as well as, tax revenues.

Sales will decrease – Unemployment will increase.

Downsizing is extremely difficult if not impossible.

Money will become very tight (Buying, selling, borrowing, etc.)

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Sincerely,



Ronald Dickson
R&D Service Center

**Operation
KEEP CANNON**

Dear Anthony J. Principi,

RECEIVED 07092005

I would like to express my attitude concerning the decision to close Cannon Air Force Base. In my letter you will find many reasons why I believe Cannon should stay in Clovis, PLEASE take the time to read over my letter, it means a great deal to me.

The weather in Eastern New Mexico provides a year round training ability with the exception of a few windy days; this in turn is ideal for perfect flying weather

We have no smog or pollution problem in the area and the dryness of our climate is certainly an asset against corrosion and rust.

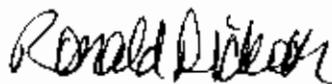
We have no large airport or structures, therefore Cannon has abundance of air space and no encroachment issues.

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Cannon has a great relationship with all the surrounding communities, and has also won awards at ACC, Air Force, and NAF levels.

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

Sincerely,



Ronald Dickson
R&D Service Center

Operation
KEEP CANNON

Dear James H. Bilbray,

Cannon Air Force Base has been an important part of the Clovis, NM community for many years. Listed below are a few ways of how the closure of Cannon AFB will affect our community. PLEASE review this letter and reconsider the recommended closure of Cannon.

We estimate that there are approximately 12,000 homes and apartments valued at \$95,000 each = 1 Billion 140 million. If Cannon closes, real estate will drop 25-30% in value = \$285 million in losses.

The closure will hit extremely hard economically with percentages 20-26% of job losses, almost double the nearest other base closing.

All city services will be reduced: City police, Sheriff, Hospital, Paramedics, Fire Dept., etc., as well as, tax revenues.

The impact to schools is projected to close three (3) elementary schools and one (1) junior high. The high school, Clovis Community College and Eastern New Mexico University in Portales face a 30% reduction.

Homes will decrease in value possibly 25-40%, property value will also drop.

20-40% of stores will close.

Please reconsider your decision and "Keep Cannon".



Ronald Dickson
R&D Service Center, Inc.

operation
KEEP CANNON

Dear James H. Bilbray,

Cannon Air Force Base is an important part of Clovis, NM and the surrounding communities. Please take a few minutes to review the following paragraphs that highlight what this region has to offer, and how important Cannon's presence is to this region.

Cannon AFB is the closest base to protect several facilities such as White Sands Missile Range, Los Alamos Laboratory, and PANTEX in Amarillo, TX.

This region has a large amount of air space with no encroachment issues.

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

Sincerely,



**Ronald Dickson
R & D Service Center**

**Operation
KEEP CANNON**

07092005

Dear Philip Coyle,

Cannon Air Force Base is an important part of Clovis, NM and the surrounding communities. Please take a few minutes to review the following paragraphs that highlight what the impact to this region will be if Cannon is closed.

Cannon AFB is the closest base to facilities such as White Sands Missile Range, Los Alamos Laboratory, and PANTEX in Amarillo, TX.

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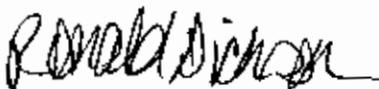
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The impact to schools is projected to close three elementary schools and one junior high. The high school, Clovis Community College, and ENMU in Portales all face a 30% reduction.

Sales will decrease and unemployment will increase, forcing many people to move away from this area.

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

Sincerely,



**Ronald Dickson
R & D Service Center**

**Operation
KEEP CANNON**

07092005

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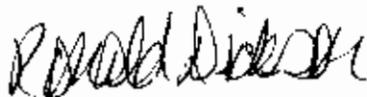
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Ronald Dickson
R&D Service Center

Operation
KEEP CANNON

The Honorable Anthony L. Principi Chairman
BBAC Commission

PAGINE

2321 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman:

Cannon Air Force Base should not be on the list for the following reasons:

- Cannon does not fit the criteria provided for base closure.
- The base has an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues. This provides for safer and more realistic training scenarios for pilots.
- Once the New Mexico Training Range Initiative is implemented, we will be able to offer pilots the ability to fly supersonic during training missions. This is a very important point, as it allows the Air Force to better train for real life situations.
- The weather in Eastern New Mexico provides year round training ability.
- The Astro-bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon. This 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 air fighting, training, and readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy.
- 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.
- Cannon has won countless awards, both on ACC level, Air Force and USAF levels, and national and DOD levels.
- The relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns: Clovis, Portales, West Texas, and others, is unlike any other installation in the country.
- 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. There is not another installation close by to serve our retired military.

We have a strong, 50-year relationship with the base.

- In the early 90s, 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 the air space from encroachment and was an important issue for the Air Force.
- The local community purchased the land north of Cannon Air Force Base and gave it back to the Air Force for additional housing, now known as Chavez Haven.
- Within the last few years, our community purchased land west of Cannon and gave it back to the Air Force for the installation of instrument lighting on the alternate runway at the base.
- Leaders within our community 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 last 30 years. We've done so financially, morally, spiritually and above all, consistently.

Thank you for your time and understanding.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Terri Wright". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Terri Wright

08102005

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

Dear Mr. Billray:

Cannon Air Force Base should not be on the list for the following reasons:

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- The weather in Eastern New Mexico provides year round training ability.
- The Udvarosi bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon. This allows pilots to get airborne, and immediately begin training operations over

the bombing ranges, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to the base.

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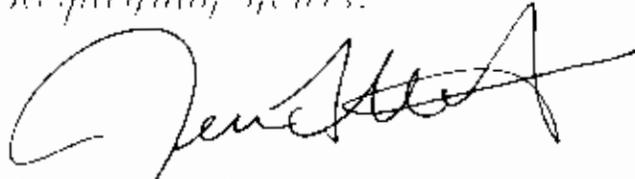
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Thank you for your time and understanding.

Respectfully yours,



Fessie Wright

06102005

Admiral Harold W. (Hal) Gehman, Jr.
RR-16 Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Admiral Gehman:

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- The Wetmore bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon. This allows pilots to get airborne, and immediately begin training operations over

the landing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to the base.

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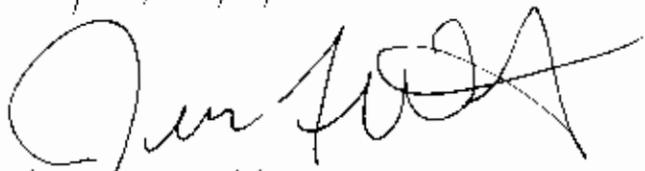
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Thank you for your time and understanding.

Respectfully yours,


Jessie Wright

06102005

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

Dear Mr. Skinner,

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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.

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Respectfully yours,



Tessie Wright

00102045

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

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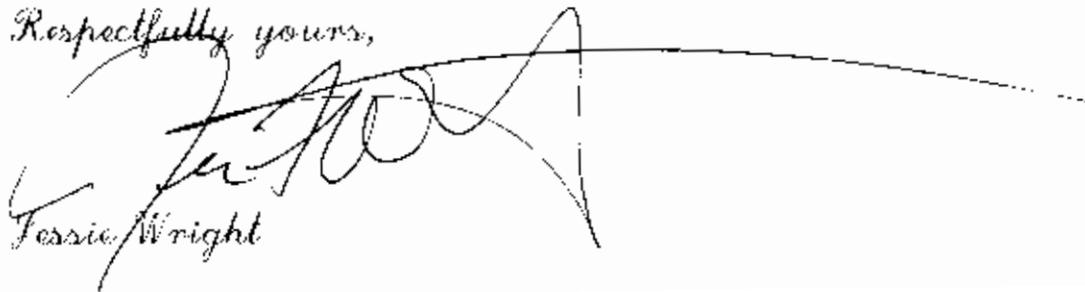
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Fessie Wright

May 31, 2005

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

06022005

Re: Removing Cannon Air Force Base from the Closure List

Dear Commissioner Skinner:

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

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

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Respectfully, I urge you to vote to remove Cannon Air Force Base from the BRAC closure list.

Sincerely,



Mike Tweedy
2205 Putnam Dr.
Clovis, NM 88101

06022005

May 31, 2005

General Lloyd W. Newton
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: Removing Cannon Air Force Base from the Closure List

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Sincerely,



Mike Tweedy
2205 Putnam Dr.
Clovis, NM 88101

May 31, 2005

06032005

General James T. Hill
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: Removing Cannon Air Force Base from the Closure List

Dear General Hill:

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Sincerely,



Mike Tweedy
2205 Putnam Dr.
Clovis, NM 88101

May 31, 2005

Brigadier General Sue E. Turner
 BRAC Commission
 2521 South Clark Street
 Suite 600
 Arlington, VA 22202

06032005

Re: Removing Cannon Air Force Base from the Closure List

Dear Brigadier General Turner:

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Sincerely,



Mike Tweedy
 2205 Putnam Dr.
 Clovis, NM 88101

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June 1, 2005

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

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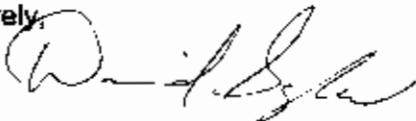
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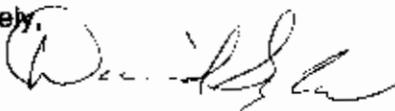
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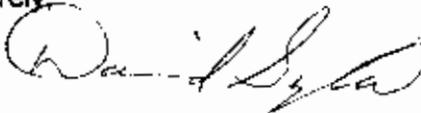
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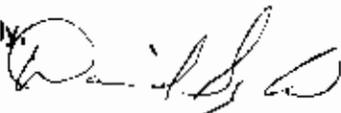
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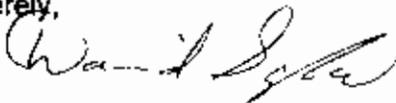
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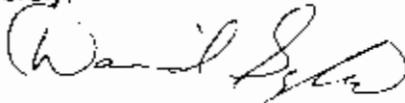
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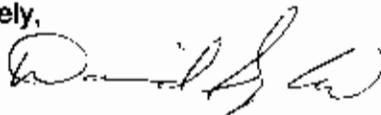
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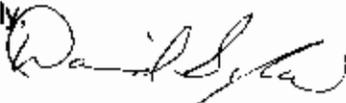
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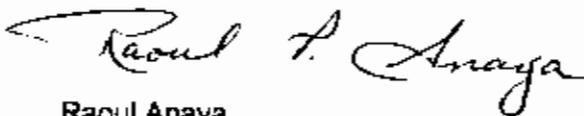
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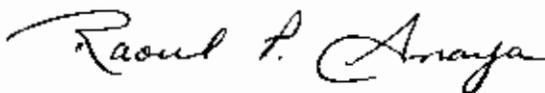
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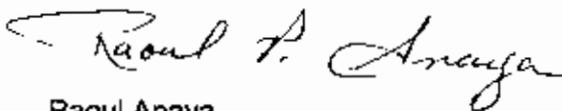
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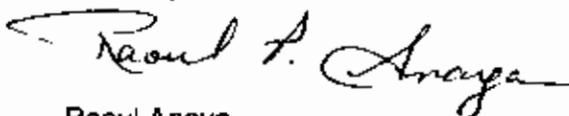
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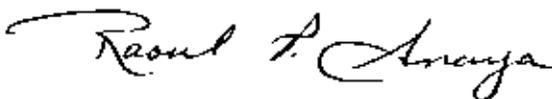
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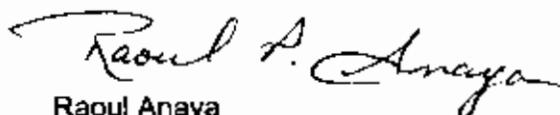
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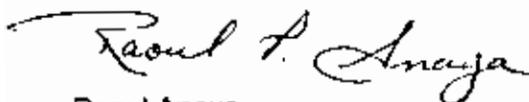
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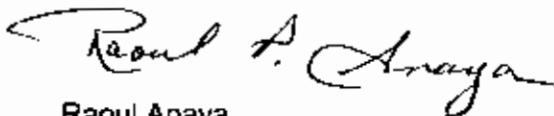
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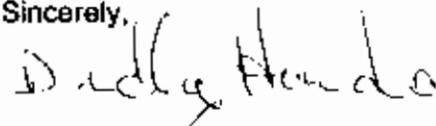
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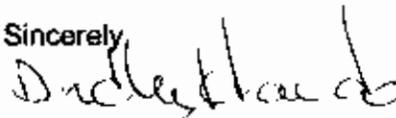
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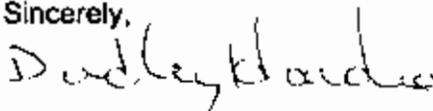
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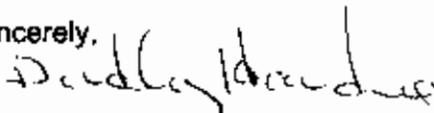
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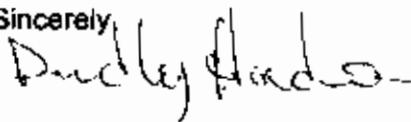
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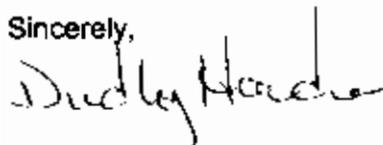
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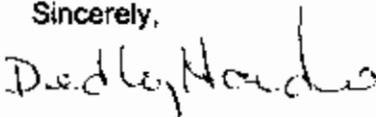
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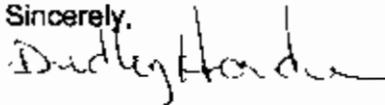
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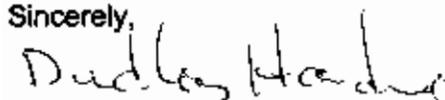
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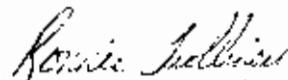
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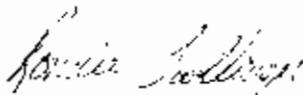
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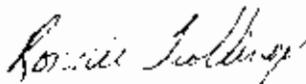
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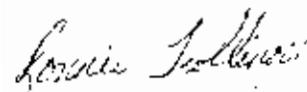
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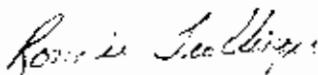
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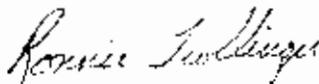
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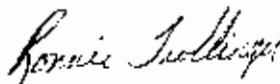
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