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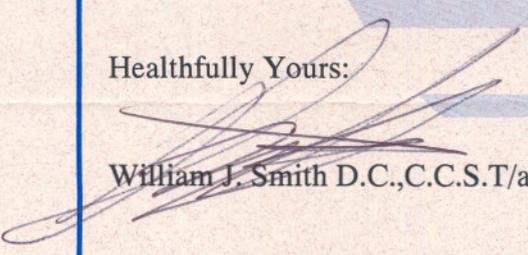
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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter in regard to the potential closing of Cannon Air Force Base. In our Portales and Clovis offices, we see many patients from Cannon. If this closure goes through it will affect our office tremendously. I feel that Cannon is vital to Portales and the surrounding areas. Economically they provide jobs for more than approximately 3,000 families. Some of the reasons that Cannon should not be on the list are that Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, West Texas are the home to a large retiree population. These people rely on Cannon Air Force Base for grocery shopping, healthcare, and with the Introduction of Chiropractic Care being mandated in all armed forces by year end, this would have a huge effect on my office since there is not another installation close by to serve our retired military. The relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns is unlike any other installation in the country. In light of the potentially severe consequences, we believe it is critical that the commissioners hear, firsthand, the presentation concerning Cannon Air Force Base. The local leaders in the Clovis community stand ready to do all we can to accommodate this request.

Healthfully Yours:

  
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