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BRAC Commission

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Dear member of the BRAC Commission:

Obviously, you are going to be getting letters from thousands of people throughout the country, and everyone clearly thinks that their base shouldn't be closed. That is, of course, why I'm writing also. Cannon Air Force Base is not only a big part of the Portales community but also Clovis. Many of the employees at the base have children that go to the schools in Portales and Clovis.

If you take them away from our schools will not be getting near as much money because the schools get \$3000 per student enrolled.

Also, 27% of the planes that went to Iraq to help with the effort were from Cannon Air Base. It may not be a majority, but it really does make a difference. Please consider keeping Cannon and all other New Mexico bases open. Thank you.

In Christ's name Always,  
*Deborah R. Workman*