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Dear Sirs,

It is with great emotion and concern regarding the closure of the Cannon Air Force Base that I am writing to you.

Even though we now live in California, my heart has always remained with Clovis, New Mexico.

My family first resided there in 1917 when Clovis was a very small town of about 5,000 people. At that time it was considered a "Railroad Town."

I was born there in 1923. My families have grown and invested in business as the town grew to the size that it is now. I have been witness to the development of the Air Base, first starting as Clovis Municipal field.

It has been rewarding to see the development of the town. What a pleasure it was when the Air field became Cannon Air Force Base with the wonderful F-16s. It has brought much business to Clovis. Development reflects this. From what was a small Railroad Town became an enterprising city. This gave need for a College.

Clovis is one of pride. However should Cannon Air fore Base close, all else will close. This is not good for economics.

This letter is directed to you for your reconsideration.

Sincerely,

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