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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to request that you consider keeping Cannon AFB *open*. Closing Cannon would have a devastating effect on our small community. Clovis is a small town of approximately 30 thousand people. Clovis is no garden spot but it is a community with a big heart and an incredible relationship with the military community at Cannon. We have *350 days of sunshine, mild winters, no encroachment issues, plenty of space for expansion and clearance for flying super sonic flights.*

Closing a base isn't really a cost savings when you factor in all the money that has to be spent to close a base, *maintain buildings and environmental clean up. All the personal will have to be relocated to other bases, where is the savings?*

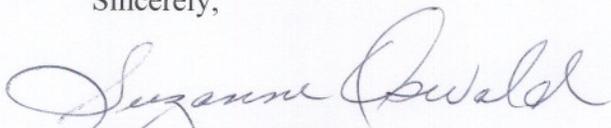
In the past few years, millions, maybe billions of dollars have been spent on Cannon. Cannon has a **new runway, control tower, hangers, brand new front gate** equipped with anti-terrorist devices, **fire department, and dormitories.** The majority of the buildings on Cannon have been replaced over the last few years.

Where will planes flying over the Melrose bombing range go when there is an in flight emergency? Albuquerque is 224 miles, Alamogordo is 245 miles and Amarillo is 105 miles.

Retired military people in our community and people living in Roswell NM and Lubbock and Amarillo TX have to travel to Clovis for medical prescriptions, they will now have to travel to Albuquerque. Real estate prices will plummet when the housing market is flooded with vacant housing. All the military housing built in Clovis and Portales NM that will also be vacant and will have to be maintained by the government.

Please consider Cannon AFB for expansion, not closure. When people are first sent to Cannon they think it is the end of the world, it is not the end but you can see it from here, making it a great place to fly.

Sincerely,



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