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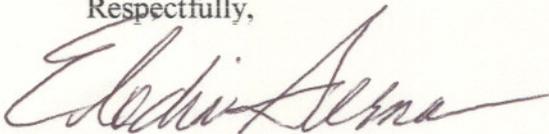
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Sirs:

This is in regard to the closing of Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis NM, PLEASE DON'T CLOSE IT. Cannon AFB is vital to the area and the people of NM and parts of Texas, small communities like Farwell, Bovina, Friona and other very small towns. I am presently in Michigan helping my daughter and her family but I plan to go back in September, I leave in Farwell and I depend on Cannon AFB medical facilities for my care, as well as the commissary, exchange and other morale facilities. I am Navy retired with 20 years, I know that does not mean anything to you but it does to me; I served my country with pride. Other retirees like myself also depend on it as well as the people working there and who have been working there for a long time. Cannon is a thriving base and community. They help Clovis and it's surrounding communities, Clovis is growing because of the base. I know I am rambling on but we NEED THE BASE. I implore you to reconsider. Don't put people out of well-needed jobs; otherwise the government is going to have to take care of a lot of people who will go on welfare.

Respectfully,



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