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BRAC Commission
Re: Cannon Air Force Base Closing

Gentlemen;

As residents of Clovis, Curry/Roosevelt counties and citizens of our "Great Nation", we plead with you to reconsider the possible closing of Cannon Air Force Base based on the following facts:

* The space and facilities for training pilots and ground troops for the defense of our homeland and foreign countries is unsurpassed. Cannon has won countless awards, both on the ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels, and national and STAT levels.
* Training for all branches of our armed forces (most recently a joint effort between Cannon and the U.S. Navy who has held) as well as pilots from numerous foreign countries.
* The weather, low density commercial traffic, proximity to the air-ground bombing range (Melrose) only seconds from the end of the runway is a real plus

for pilot training with economy of time and fuel.

* Air space is abundant, with no encroachment problems.
* Future use of supersonic fly space
* Fabulous weather permits year-round flight training.
* Economically - all facilities (buildings and runways) are in top condition.
* Community support and facilities - limitless!
  - Personel and families are Welcomed to the area Churches, schools, orginazations and Businesses (for trade and as workforce).
  - Our large number of retired military are a great support for those on activity duty as well as their families.
  - Medical facilities are modern and state-of the art. Plains Regional Medical Center completed a $60 million expantion this spring including Heart and Cancer wings, 10,000 sq. ft. Rehab Center and the addition of 60 new medical staff. Roosevelt General Hospital is equally Modern and well staffed. The VA Clinic just completed in Clovis offers local care for the area's large group of retirees, with additional services available at the VA Hospital in Amarillo, Texas (100 mi.) Complete and extensive specialized care is

available in both Amarillo and Lubbock, Texas (either approx. 100 mi.) or Albuquerque, N.M. (approx. 260 mi.)

- Continuing education are available at
  Eastern New Mexico University - Portales
  Clovis Community College - Clovis
  Hardin Baptist University - Clovis branch
- A new Civic Center is under construction which will bring in a wide variety of community cultural and entertainment opportunities.
- Best schools in New Mexico - public, private and a home school association for those who choose to teach their children at home.
- Childcare is available at countless facilities for infants and young children as well as many pre-schools.

Our area is a progressive Christian community that is family oriented and patriotic and wants to work to keep our nation strong and safe for generations.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our thoughts.

Respectfully,
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