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To The Brac Commisson 06072005 May 22, 2005

I am writing this letter in hopes that it will be read, we know that you're very busy and this job is not an easy one. I am also writing with the hope of changing your minds upon closure of Cannon Air [illegible]

I don't know what the criteria of closure is but I'd like to bring to your attention the benifits of the things we have in Eastern New Mexico and can benifit the military as a whole.
We have great flying weather almost year round wide open space where pests can fly unfettered. There is ample [illegible] expansion [illegible]
We welcome this as a community. The [illegible] range is seconds [illegible] the flight line and [illegible] time is used for actual [illegible] instead of [illegible] countless miles to reach their destination and with extreme waste of expensive jet fuel, I might add.

We have no encroachment issues can offer safer more realistic training for pilots. We will have the ability to fly super sonic with expanded air space. These are things that I feel are vital to the mission of the Air Force as well as the rest of our Armed Forces. We [illegible] U.S. Navy pilots at Cannon Air Force Base and worked in a unified productive manner.

Eastern New Mexico gladly joyfully supports our Air Force Base, as well as West Texas. As a business woman the ~~[illegible]~~ economic impact of base closeure has been quite [illegible] but all in all I feel that you have [illegible] what you may have here there are [illegible] benifits to these wide open spaces that could benifit numerous different kinds of mission and various kinds of planes. The realistic training is so valuable to our pilots. And to the protection of our fighting Service men and women.

On a personal note, Cannon brought my family here in 1976. We have made this our home it is a great community we live in, people that transfer in always say what a friendly warm place this is. We are so supportive of our Military and grateful that they are here. It has been a vital part of our growth and we hope that Cannon Air Force Base will be a big part of our Future. I hope that the members of the Commission look to the future of this base and all the benefits we can offer the Military as a Whole, not just one mission only. We could be so much more with your help. Thank you for your [illegible]

Sincerely
Bethany K. Dunland

P.S. Come and see what We Are All About!! We can be so much to the Military!