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BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Suite 600
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RE: Cannon Air Force Base Closing

Dear Commission Members,

I am writing this letter out of concern over the decision to recommend the closure of Cannon Air Force Base. As a citizen of Clovis, New Mexico, I have seen the numerous benefits Cannon AFB has brought to our community through the years it has been in operation.

Cannon AFB has been a part of this community for fifty years. It is a valuable asset to this community and its closure will cause a devastating effect that will be felt not only in Clovis and the surrounding area, but also throughout the state of New Mexico, our nation, and the world. Locally, our businesses, schools, and even churches would be adversely affected by Cannon's closure. Cannon AFB is located in a select area because of the air space it provides for training pilots. Cannon provides training for military pilots so they can protect our nation and the world, therefore its closure would have an affect on our nation's and the world's security.

As a pastor in this community, I feel it will be a great loss to this community if Cannon AFB closes, not only for the reasons mentioned above, but numerous more. I am asking you to please consider in full all the benefits Cannon AFB provides for our nation and reconsider your recommendation for closure. Your time and careful consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank You,

W. Charles Green Sr

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