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General James T. Hill
BRAC Commission
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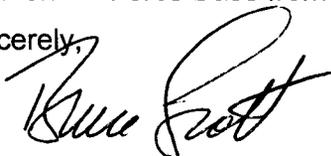
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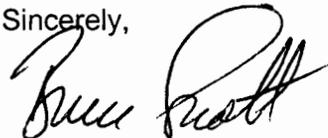
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Dear Commissioner Hansen:

I am writing today to voice my concern for Clovis and Cannon Air Force Base. I have lived in Clovis for 26 of my 33 years and never known Clovis without Cannon. It is my understanding that many years ago it was closed for a short time but was reopened and has stayed open since then. Do I take Cannon for granted? Maybe I did but the events of 9/11 changed my feelings and my dependency on Cannon. I remember how quite the air ways were on that day due to air traffic being stopped. We have gotten accustomed to the jets flying day in and day out. That was a very eerie feeling. I hope and pray that situations like that never happen to our country again. Even now hearing the sound of the jets from the base, I just feel safer for my family and myself.

I remember back when I was in school, a lot of my friends came from military families. Some of my friends now are either military dependents or the base brought them here and they have retired in Clovis because they like it so much. Yes, I have had friends that have left and we do try to stay in touch. But that is just part of living in a military town.

Clovis is a great town to live in. The weather is great pretty much all the time. Our winters are never very bad. This would allow training throughout the year. But not only the weather the schools and teachers are top notch with a variety of activities and backgrounds for the students.

I just ask and pray that you re-evaluate your decision on closing Cannon. You will see that keeping Cannon open would be best for our community and our country.

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