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- Great year-round weather for flying conditions
- Melrose bombing range is seconds away
- New runways on the base—two runways, not just one
- Ample space and ramp space for surge force requirements
- Support of training missions for F-22, F-35, Joint Strike Fighter, etc
- Award winning base on ACC Air Force, and NAF levels
- A relationship like none other with the communities of Clovis, Portales, and the surrounding areas
- Large military retiree population within a 150 mile radius

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Signed: Karen Eschenbach

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- Great year-round weather for flying conditions
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KEY COMMUNITY FACTS:

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Signed: _____

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This letter will be copied to send to the following

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Commissioner Adm. Harold W Gehman, Jr.
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1. It would be more cost effective to fly planes to the Melrose Bombing Range from Cannon than from other bases. Reason for this would be the cost of fuel and they would get more bombing training runs in than if they were to fly from another base. They would only get in one or two runs before having to return to their base for fuel.

2. The local community depends on the weather radar at the base for severe weather warnings. If the base were to close we would have to either man the weather radar ourselves or depend on Amarillo, Lubbock or Albuquerque for these warnings.

3. Our retirees for about a 200 mile radius depend on the base for their medical, prescriptions, ID cards and renewing their DEERS documentation.

4. The retirees also come to the base to shop at the base commissary for discount groceries and when they are at the base do other shopping in the community.

5. Last, the base and the community have one of the greatest relationships for military and civilians. It would be a loss to lose this wonderful relationship. Cannon and Clovis have had this relationship for the past 60 years and it grows every year.

Your consideration in taking the above reasons for keeping Cannon open is greatly appreciated.

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Signed: Matt Brady

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Signed: Christie Martinez

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This letter will be copied to send to the following:

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Walter V Cravy

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operation KEEP CANNON Letter Campaign

Dear BRAC Commissioners:

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I want to help make the Commission fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include unencroached airspace suitable for training at supersonic speed, many new and existing facilities suitable for joint training exercises, and a low-cost environment that promotes cost-efficient training. Cannon is a real asset to the country's armed forces

Whether or not Cannon's military value has been recognized yet in Washington, out here we really appreciate the base The local community has been uniquely supportive, donating time and land to promote the base's needs We have also welcomed the personnel The many veterans in the area make it clear that they feel at home here We consider Cannon and its retirees a part of our family

The closure of Cannon will also have a devastating impact on our economy It has been estimated that the area will lose at least 20 percent of its workforce, a percentage out of line with the effect of base closings in other communities. Cannon is critical for us.

I invite you to come personally to the Cannon hearing in Clovis I ask you to please reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to my community. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,
(signature and address)

Ja Dan Sudderth
Box 887
Farwell, Tx. 79325

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Susan E. Larsen

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Signed: (Fred) Fortunato Cordova

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Mary K Woodard

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2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

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I have grown up here and I consider this community my home. Please let Clovis and Portales continue to prosper with the enormous help of Cannon Air Force Base. Please, I ask of you, let us KEEP CANNON!

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HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS:

Our City and Community, as well as Portales, Roosevelt County, Cities of Amarillo and Lubbock, Texas were all shocked to hear CANNON is on the closure list.

It is most difficult to understand why, as CANNON has met, in fact exceeded the requirements of the Pentagon Officials who developed the closure list. Millions of dollars have been spent recently on expanding the fire station, hospital, runway and the overpass.

It will be very devastating and far reaching for us, even closing one of our schools that mostly children of CANNON attends.

All consideration possible should be given to removing CANNON from the list. We are all human and can make a mistake, and I certainly feel a human error was made when CANNON was placed on the list.

I'm looking forward to attending your meeting in Clovis next month.

Sincerely;

Randa England

cc:

President George W. Bush
The White House

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238 Hart Senate Office Bldg.

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Thank you for your time,

Mrs. Amy S. Esquibel
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- Great year-round weather for flying conditions
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- New runways on the base—two runways, not just one
- Ample space and ramp space for surge force requirements
- Support of training missions for F-22, F-35, Joint Strike Fighter etc
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- $60 million expansion to Plains Regional Medical Center with new Heart, and Cancer Wings, 10,000 sq ft. Rehab Center as well as the addition of 60+ new medical staff
- Expansions to Clovis Community College and Eastern NM University—classes offered on base
- New VA Clinic opened this year
- Expansion and new industry is providing job opportunities for spouses and children
- Many new housing developments are providing housing needs
- New restaurants, building suppliers, and retail businesses adding to the established base
- New Civic Center under construction for increased community events
- Military discounts offered by local businesses
- The best schools and teaching staff in NM
- A Christian-based community that is family oriented and caring
- Portales community was not considered in the economic impact of closure

Signed: _____

PS 504 [illegible]
Clovis N.M.

This letter will be copied to send to the following.

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1339 Wilclark Rd
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BRAC COMISSION
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It will be very devastating and far reaching for us, even closing one of our schools that mostly children of CANNON attends.

All consideration possible should be given to removing CANNON from the list. We are all human and can make a mistake, and I certainly feel a human error was made when CANNON was placed on the list.

I'm looking forward to attending your meeting in Clovis next month.

Sincerely:

Jeremy Kelly

cc:

President George W. Bush
The White House

Gov. Bill Richardson
Santa Fe, NM

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Darlene Hinderliter

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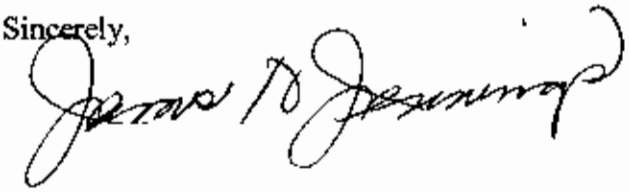

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Doyle & Mary Potter

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I want to help make the Commission fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include unencroached airspace suitable for training at supersonic speed, many new and existing facilities suitable for joint training exercises, and a low-cost environment that promotes cost-efficient training. Cannon is a real asset to the country's armed forces.

Whether or not Cannon's military value has been recognized yet in Washington, out here we really appreciate the base. The local community has been uniquely supportive, donating time and land to promote the base's needs. We have also welcomed the personnel. The many veterans in the area make it clear that they feel at home here We consider Cannon and its retirees a part of our family

The closure of Cannon will also have a devastating impact on our economy It has been estimated that the area will lose at least 20 percent of its workforce, a percentage out of line with the effect of base closings in other communities Cannon is critical for us

I invite you to come personally to the Cannon hearing in Clovis. I ask you to please reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to my community. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

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(signature and address)

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- Cannon could double in size for about $5 million.
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Signed: [illegible]

Address: 817 E Llano Estacado, Clovis NM 88101

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The closure of Cannon will also have a devastating impact on our economy: It has been estimated that the area will lose at least 20 percent of its workforce, a percentage out of line with the effect of base closings in other communities Cannon is critical for us

I invite you to come personally to the Cannon hearing in Clovis I ask you to please reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to my community Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,
(signature and address)

Cindy Smith
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Sincerely,
(signature and address)

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Signed: Larry Rivas

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Darlene Hinderliter