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Dear BRAC Committee,

We the surrounding communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon AFB a part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be closed.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic flying, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runways at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin their training operations over the area.

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As hopefully you will personally witness, the relationship between Cannon AFB and the surrounding towns: Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others is UNLIKE ANY OTHER INSTALLATION IN THE COUNTRY. These towns are home to large military retiree populations which rely on Cannon AFB for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more.

Our community has reached out and supported the base like no other community over the past 50 years. We've done so financially, morally, spiritually and above all, consistently. We are proud, honored and blessed to have Cannon Air Force Base and will stand behind it and everything it stands for. The sound of those jets flying over is the sound of FREEDOM!

Sincerely,

By signing you are allowing additional copies to be made and mailed to the following; CC: BRAC Commissioners; Anthony J. Principi, James H. Bilbray, Philip Coyle, Harold W. Gehman Jr., James V. Hansen, James T. Hill, Lloyd "Fig" Newton, Samuel Knox Skinner, Sue Ellen Turner, President George W. Bush, Mrs. Laura Bush, Gov. Bill Richardson, Senators; Pete Domenici, Jeff Bingaman Rep. Tom Udall, Heather Wilson

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Signed: Paula Miller

Address: 1015 CR 5 Clovis NM 88101

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

Sincerely,

Mrs Joyce Brown
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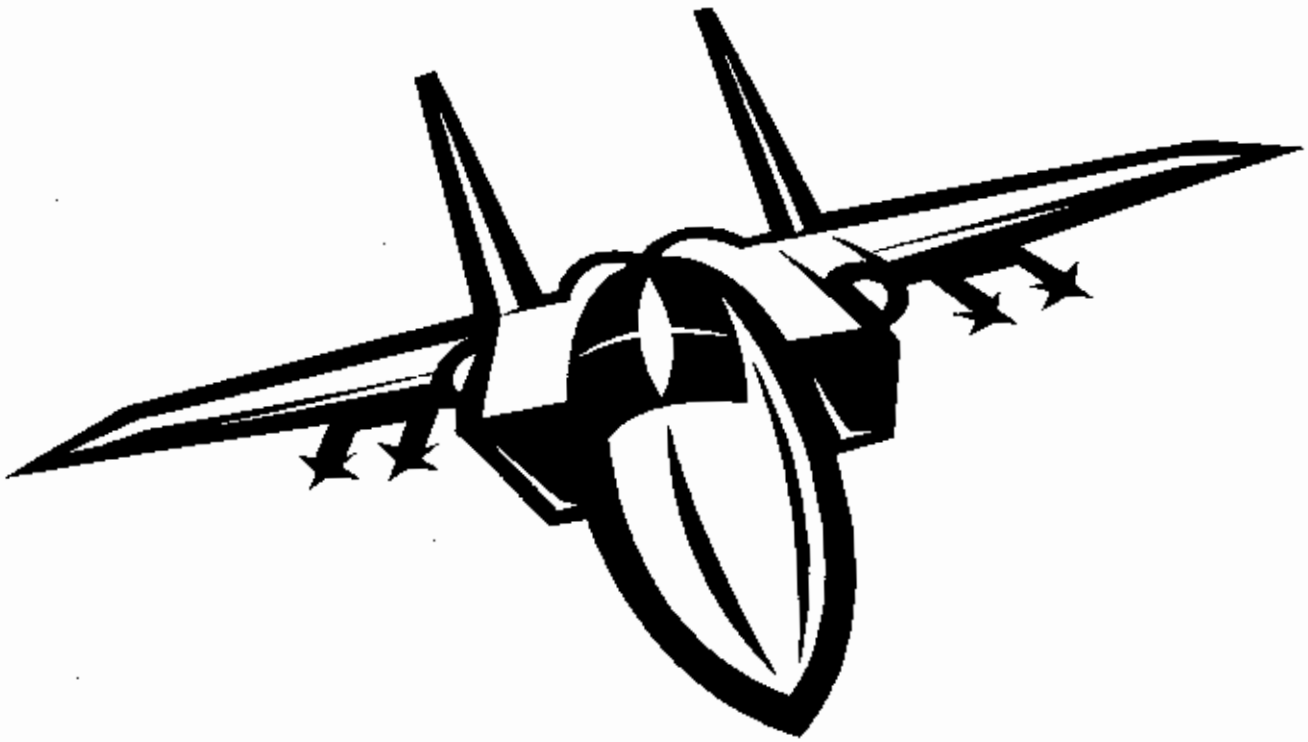

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I'm looking forward to attending your meeting in Clovis ON THE 24TH.

Sincerely;

Connie Hart

Clovis, NM 88101

cc:

President George W. Bush
The White House

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Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war fighting, training, and readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy. Cannon has won countless awards, both on the ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels, and national and STAT levels.

In the early 90's, Curry County, in conjunction with the state of New Mexico purchased air easements around Cannon Air Force Base and GAVE them to the Air Force. This was done to protect that air space from encroachments and was an important issue for the Air Force as it is today. The local community purchased land North of Cannon Air Force Base and GAVE it back to the Air Force for additional housing, now known as Chavez Manor. Within the last few years, our community purchased land west of Cannon and GAVE it back to the Air Force for the installation of instrument lighting on the alternate runway at the base.

As hopefully you will personally witness, the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns: Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others is UNLIKE ANY OTHER INSTALLATION IN THE COUNTRY. These towns are home to large military retiree populations which rely on Cannon Air Force Base for healthcare, grocery shopping and more.

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Signed: [illegible]

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I would hope with the above facts that you would vote to remove Cannon from the Closure List.

Sincerely,

Larry O. Combs
PO Box 180
Portales, New Mexico 88130

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August 6, 2005

General Lloyd W. Newton
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2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA., 22202

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I have listed the following facts about the criteria to close Cannon and the actual facts:

Cannon AFB Fact Sheet

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BRAC CRITERIA

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- Many new housing developments are providing housing needs
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I'm looking forward to attending your meeting in Clovis ON THE 24TH.

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Arthur Gonzales

Clovis, NM 88101

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Signed: [signature]

Address: 1633 Laura Rd, Clovis, NM 88101

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As hopefully you will personally witness, the relationship between Cannon AFB and the surrounding towns: Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others is UNLIKE ANY OTHER INSTALLATION IN THE COUNTRY. These towns are home to large military retiree populations which rely on Cannon AFB for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more.

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Donna Y Looney

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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 ON THE 24TH.

Sincerely;

Pablo C. Gaytan

Clovis, NM 88101

cc:

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