

May 31, 2005

The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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Dear Commissioner Skinner:

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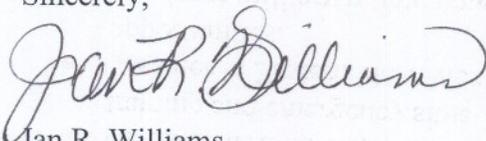
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In closing, I urge you to vote in favor of removing Cannon Air Force Base from the closure list.

Sincerely,



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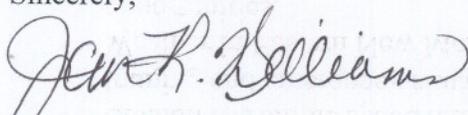
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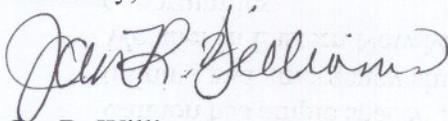
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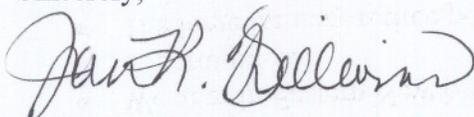
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