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2521 S. Clark St.
Arlington, Va 22202

Re: CANNON AIR FORCE BASE ON CLOSURE LIST

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 ON THE 24TH.

Sincerely;

Rachael N. Mayers

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 please to reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to my community. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,

Christina Espenschel
DBA KSSR Radio
(505) 472-5777

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Signed: [illegible]

Address: 313 Murray Dr Clovis NM 88101

PS With Pantex just a 100 miles from here for the sake of my grandchild I pray Cannon stays right here.

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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;

Connie Sena

Clovis, NM 88101

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The White House

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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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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.

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,

Daniel Paul Gerchord

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

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Cannon AFB Fact Sheet

The Defense Base Closure Realignment Act states that the Commission may make changes in any of the recommendations if it determines that the Secretary of Defense substantially deviated from the force structure plan and final criteria.

The DOD deviated substantially from the final BRAC criteria and Force Structure plan, and Cannon should be removed from the Closure List.

BRAC Criteria incorrectly evaluated: Military Value, Cost Savings, and Economic Impact. Further, Force Structure implications were not comprehensively considered.

<u>BRAC CRITERIA</u>

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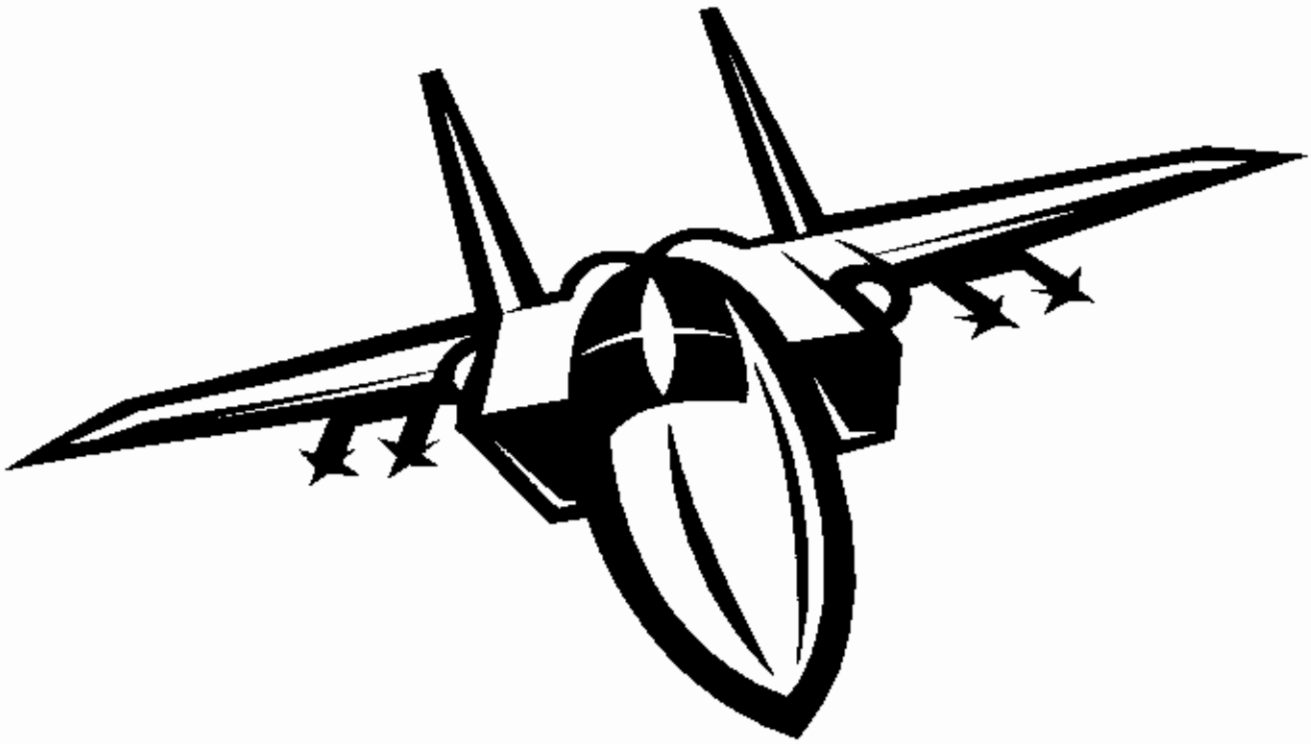

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I'm looking forward to attending your meeting in Clovis ON THE 24TH.

Sincerely;

Brenda Kendrick

Clovis, NM 88101

cc:

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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.

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In the early 90's, Curry County, in conjunction with the state of New Mexico purchased air easements around Cannon AFB and GAVE them the 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 AFB 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.

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.

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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BRAC Commissioner, Chairman Anthony Principi

Please reconsider and take Cannon Air Force Base off the base closure list because:

KEY MILITARY FACTS:

- Abundance in air space with no encroachments
- Safer, more realistic training scenarios for all types of planes and missions
- Once implemented, supersonic flying through the N.M. Training Range Initiative
- 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

KEY COMMUNITY FACTS:

- $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: James A Spears

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