

RECEIVED
06162005

June 9, 2005

BRAC Commission,

I am writing to you regarding the closure of Cannon AFB. Throughout my husbands' military career, we have been stationed at several bases. Each town has been different in what it has to offer the military community. Clovis, however, has been exceptional. The community is what makes Cannon an outstanding base. I have never seen such an overwhelming outpouring of acceptance. When we arrived at Cannon and were unloading our moving truck, our neighbors came over to help. They were not military members, just caring individuals. One neighbor brought a box filled with food because she knew we had just arrived and had not been to the grocery store. This has never happened to us before.

When we were stationed at Langley AFB, the military housing we lived in was in the Sound Tunnel. Shortly after 9/11 the planes were flying constantly. When I would go to a near by store or restaurant, people in the establishment would be complaining about the noise. It amazed me because a serious event had just occurred and there were individuals more concerned about the noise than the purpose of those flights. I have not witnessed any discontent like that here in Clovis when the base is conducting exercises or with the daily flights.

My children have attended school in four different school districts. The Clovis MSD does not separate or note any difference between military students and non-military students. When we were stationed at Edwards AFB, I served as a School Board Member representing Edwards. During our School Board Meetings, Boron and North Edwards community members would address the board requesting the district be separated. In their statements they believed the base had too much influence on the district and did not want to be affiliated with the base. It was very sad to hear the community members want to disassociate themselves in this manner. The outlining towns and the base depended on each other, yet the small towns could not see it. Clovis and Cannon depend on each other as well, but this relationship has been built on respect and trust.

Cannon is a base without any encroachments. There are not housing developments popping up close to the base or strip malls being constructed outside the gate. Cannon has open land on three sides. Cannon has the ability to expand whereas others have the city directly outside the gates. There is no graffiti, dilapidated buildings, tenement homes or abandoned structures surrounding Cannon AFB. The air space is not filled with commercial or private aircraft. It is an ideal location to bring additional aircraft or squadrons. Cannon has great potential and it is disheartening the Pentagon does not see this.

Sincerely,

Juan Juca
Clovis New Mexico

May 31, 2005

Brigadier General Sue E. Turner
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

RECEIVED
06032005

Ref: Cannon Air Force Base

Dear Brigadier General Turner:

I was stunned and surprised to see Cannon Air Force Base on the base closure list that was released this month. As a long time resident of Clovis I just haven't been able to understand the reasoning involved in the decision to put Cannon on the list. Clovis and the surrounding area have always embraced our military community and welcomed them. We are a very patriotic and supportive Christian based community with the well being of our county at the top of the list. I believe that by closing CAFB, not only would we be doing a huge injustice to our nation, but a huge economic impact would be felt in our community.

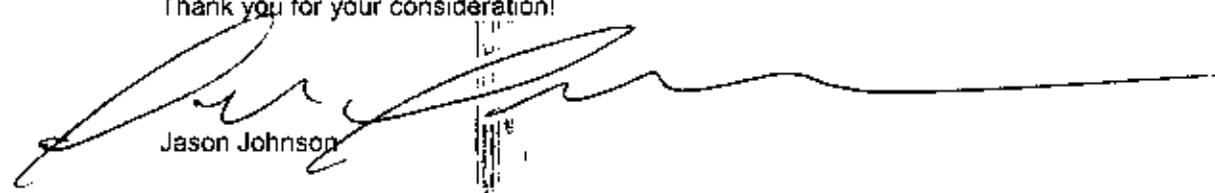
Clovis, New Mexico is the ideal place to expand the base and remove it from the closure list. Perhaps the most important factor supporting the removal of Cannon from the closure list is the abundant of air space and the no encroachment issues. Our pilots would have the room to train realistically and safely with virtually no major airport and very little air traffic around. The New Mexico Training Initiative implementation will allow our pilots to fly at supersonic speeds during training mission also providing true to life situation. The weather in our area averages 320 days of almost perfect flying days a year. You won't find that to be common. The Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon. Instead of wasting precious fuel by having to fly a long distance to train, our pilots can begin their training missions almost immediately.

Clovis has much more to offer our county and our military personal. You will find that the relationship shared between Cannon and the surrounding communities of Clovis are unique and unlike most around the country. Most businesses offer military discounts for example. There is currently a \$60 million expansion of our Medical facility taking place as we speak. Our local colleges offer classes on base. New housing is being built! A new VA Clinic will be opening this year and many new businesses have been opened.

Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, West Texas (including Amarillo and Lubbock) are home to a large military retiree population. These people rely on Cannon Air Force base for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more. There is not another installation close by to serve our retired military.

Please choose to leave Cannon open!

Thank you for your consideration!


Jason Johnson

May 31, 2005

RECEIVED
06022-005

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

Ref: Cannon Air Force Base

Dear General Newton:

I was stunned and surprised to see Cannon Air Force Base on the base closure list that was released this month. As a long time resident of Clovis I just haven't been able to understand the reasoning involved in the decision to put Cannon on the list. Clovis and the surrounding area have always embraced our military community and welcomed them. We are a very patriotic and supportive Christian based community with the well being of our county at the top of the list. I believe that by closing CAFB, not only would we be doing a huge injustice to our nation, but a huge economic impact would be felt in our community.

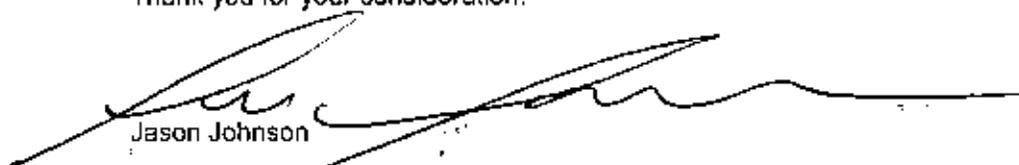
Clovis, New Mexico is the ideal place to expand the base and remove it from the closure list. Perhaps the most important factor supporting the removal of Cannon from the closure list is the abundant of air space and the no encroachment issues. Our pilots would have the room to train realistically and safely with virtually no major airport and very little air traffic around. The New Mexico Training Initiative implementation will allow our pilots to fly at supersonic speeds during training mission also providing true to life situation. The weather in our area averages 320 days of almost perfect flying days a year. You won't find that to be common. The Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon. Instead of wasting precious fuel by having to fly a long distance to train, our pilots can begin their training missions almost immediately.

Clovis has much more to offer our county and our military personal. You will find that the relationship shared between Cannon and the surrounding communities of Clovis are unique and unlike most around the country. Most businesses offer military discounts for example. There is currently a \$60 million expansion of our Medical facility taking place as we speak. Our local colleges offer classes on base. New housing is being built! A new VA Clinic will be opening this year and many new businesses have been opened.

Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, West Texas (including Amarillo and Lubbock) are home to a large military retiree population. These people rely on Cannon Air Force base for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more. There is not another installation close by to serve our retired military.

Please choose to leave Cannon open!

Thank you for your consideration!


Jason Johnson

May 31, 2005

General James T. Hill
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

RECEIVED
06022005

Ref: Cannon Air Force Base

Dear General Hill:

I was stunned and surprised to see Cannon Air Force Base on the base closure list that was released this month. As a long time resident of Clovis I just haven't been able to understand the reasoning involved in the decision to put Cannon on the list. Clovis and the surrounding area have always embraced our military community and welcomed them. We are a very patriotic and supportive Christian based community with the well being of our county at the top of the list. I believe that by closing CAFB, not only would we be doing a huge injustice to our nation, but a huge economic impact would be felt in our community.

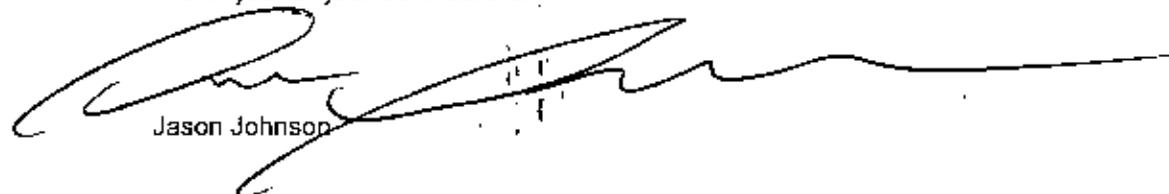
Clovis, New Mexico is the ideal place to expand the base and remove it from the closure list. Perhaps the most important factor supporting the removal of Cannon from the closure list is the abundant of air space and the no encroachment issues. Our pilots would have the room to train realistically and safely with virtually no major airport and very little air traffic around. The New Mexico Training Initiative implementation will allow our pilots to fly at supersonic speeds during training mission also providing true to life situation. The weather in our area averages 320 days of almost perfect flying days a year. You won't find that to be common. The Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon. Instead of wasting precious fuel by having to fly a long distance to train, our pilots can begin their training missions almost immediately.

Clovis has much more to offer our county and our military personal. You will find that the relationship shared between Cannon and the surrounding communities of Clovis are unique and unlike most around the country. Most businesses offer military discounts for example. There is currently a \$60 million expansion of our Medical facility taking place as we speak. Our local colleges offer classes on base. New housing is being built! A new VA Clinic will be opening this year and many new businesses have been opened.

Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, West Texas (including Amarillo and Lubbock) are home to a large military retiree population. These people rely on Cannon Air Force base for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more. There is not another installation close by to serve our retired military.

Please choose to leave Cannon open!

Thank you for your consideration!


Jason Johnson

May 31, 2005

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

RECEIVED
06022-005

Ref: Cannon Air Force Base

Dear Commissioner Skinner:

I was stunned and surprised to see Cannon Air Force Base on the base closure list that was released this month. As a long time resident of Clovis I just haven't been able to understand the reasoning involved in the decision to put Cannon on the list. Clovis and the surrounding area have always embraced our military community and welcomed them. We are a very patriotic and supportive Christian based community with the well being of our county at the top of the list. I believe that by closing CAFB, not only would we be doing a huge injustice to our nation, but a huge economic impact would be felt in our community.

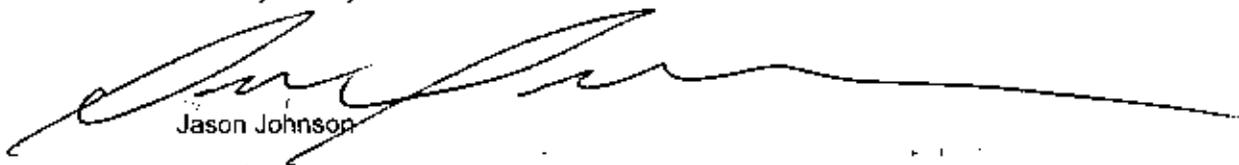
Clovis, New Mexico is the ideal place to expand the base and remove it from the closure list. Perhaps the most important factor supporting the removal of Cannon from the closure list is the abundant of air space and the no encroachment issues. Our pilots would have the room to train realistically and safely with virtually no major airport and very little air traffic around. The New Mexico Training Initiative implementation will allow our pilots to fly at supersonic speeds during training mission also providing true to life situation. The weather in our area averages 320 days of almost perfect flying days a year. You won't find that to be common. The Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon. Instead of wasting precious fuel by having to fly a long distance to train, our pilots can begin their training missions almost immediately.

Clovis has much more to offer our county and our military personal. You will find that the relationship shared between Cannon and the surrounding communities of Clovis are unique and unlike most around the country. Most businesses offer military discounts for example. There is currently a \$60 million expansion of our Medical facility taking place as we speak. Our local colleges offer classes on base. New housing is being built! A new VA Clinic will be opening this year and many new businesses have been opened.

Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, West Texas (including Amarillo and Lubbock) are home to a large military retiree population. These people rely on Cannon Air Force base for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more. There is not another installation close by to serve our retired military.

Please choose to leave Cannon open!

Thank you for your consideration!


Jason Johnson

May 27, 2005

06022005

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

06022005

Dear General Newton:

I would like to strongly encourage you to overturn the Department of Defense's BRAC recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base.

Cannon Air Force Base should not be on the BRAC closure list for many reasons including:

- Cannon has won countless awards, both on the ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels, and national and STAT levels.
- The relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns, Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, West Texas and others is unlike any other installation in the country.
- The availability of air space and ideal flying weather makes Cannon the perfect candidate to support future training missions for the F-22, Joint Strike Fighter, and other military aircraft.
- The Melrose Bombing Range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon. This allows pilots to get airborne, and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to the base.
- From an economic standpoint, closing Cannon Air Force Base would be devastating to our community. 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.

In closing, the Clovis, Portales and surrounding communities have reached out and supported Cannon Air Force Base like no other community over the last 50 years. Respectfully, I urge you to vote to remove Cannon Air Force Base from the BRAC closure list.

Sincerely,



Kandi Hall
2309 Quail Ct.
Clovis, NM 88101

May 27, 2005

06022005

Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr.
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Admiral Gehman, Jr.:

I would like to strongly encourage you to overturn the Department of Defense's BRAC recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base.

Cannon Air Force Base should not be on the BRAC closure list for many reasons including:

- Cannon has won countless awards, both on the ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels, and national and STAT levels.
- The relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns, Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, West Texas and others is unlike any other installation in the country.
- The availability of air space and ideal flying weather makes Cannon the perfect candidate to support future training missions for the F-22, Joint Strike Fighter, and other military aircraft.
- The Melrose Bombing Range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon. This allows pilots to get airborne, and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to the base.
- From an economic standpoint, closing Cannon Air Force Base would be devastating to our community. 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.

In closing, the Clovis, Portales and surrounding communities have reached out and supported Cannon Air Force Base like no other community over the last 50 years. Respectfully, I urge you to vote to remove Cannon Air Force Base from the BRAC closure list.

Sincerely,



Kandi Hall
2309 Quail Ct.
Clovis, NM 88101

RECEIVED
06132005

May 24, 2005

AIR FORCE GEN Lloyd W. Newton
BRAC COMMISSION
2521 S. Clark St, Suite 600
Arlington VA 22202

Dear AIR FORCE GEN Lloyd W. Newton
Greetings in the Lord!

I am writing in reference to the proposed closing of Cannon Air Force Base, at Clovis, New Mexico. I want to express to you how absurd this decision seems to me in relation to the criteria guidelines laid out for closure and realignment by

I am the pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Clovis, New Mexico, and about 1/4 of the families that we serve are affiliated with the Base.

I believe that it would be a great loss to the military and to the safety and security of our country, if Cannon Air Force Base was to close.

In regard to military value I propose:

1. The weather in this area is ideal. The military planes fly as many as 350 days a year because of the nice weather. There are no commercial airports within a 100 mile radius so there is no conflict with air traffic other than a small municipal airport that accommodates private or smaller planes. Training is an essential element to the readiness of the Air Force to do its mission and, as such, is not in any way hindered or impeded due to external forces like, bad wether, complaints of residents due to noise, serious encroachment difficulties, or a community that does not want or support the Air Force and its mission.
2. Safety is an essential element that that I believe is critical to the mission of the Air Force. If an accident was to happen during training, it is likely that the casualties would be keep to a minimum due to the fact that civilian encroachment is not a major problem as it is in many of the other Air Force Bases. The surrounding area is ranch land so there are no major populated areas.
3. There is endless room for expansion of the facility surrounding the base and bombing range without concern of encroachment by population.

RECEIVED
06132005

May 24, 2005
AIR FORCE GEN. Lloyd W. Newton
BRAC COMMISSION
2521 S. Clark St, Suite 600
Arlington VA. 22202

Dear AIR-FORCE-GEN. Lloyd W. Newton
Greetings in the Lord!

I am writing in reference to the proposed closing of Cannon Air Force Base, at Clovis, New Mexico. I want to express to you how absurd this decision seems to me in relation to the criteria guidelines laid out for closure and realignment by

I am the pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Clovis, New Mexico, and about 1/4 of the families that we serve are affiliated with the Base.

I believe that it would be a great loss to the military and to the safety and security of our country, if Cannon Air Force Base was to close.

In regard to military value I propose:

1. The weather in this area is ideal. The military planes fly as many as 350 days a year because of the nice weather. There are no commercial airports within a 100 mile radius so there is no conflict with air traffic other than a small municipal airport that accommodates private or smaller planes. Training is an essential element to the readiness of the Air Force to do its mission and, as such, is not in any way hindered or impeded due to external forces like, bad wether, complaints of residents due to noise, serious encroachment difficulties, or a community that does not want or support the Air Force and its mission.
2. Safety is an essential element that that I believe is critical to the mission of the Air Force. If an accident was to happen during training, it is likely that the casualties would be keep to a minimum due to the fact that civilian encroachment is not a major problem as it is in many of the other Air Force Bases. . The surrounding area is ranch land so there are no major populated areas.
3. There is endless room for expansion of the facility surrounding the base and bombing range without concern of encroachment by population.

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

RECEIVED

06102005

To the distinguished BRAC committee,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base a part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues. The future use of super sonic fly space, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability, In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to 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.

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.

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 every step of the way.

Sincerely,

Curtis B. Tabor

Please consider all the aspects of Keeping Cannon intact - I have been a resident of Clovis since 1981 - Thank you.



OPERATION KEEP CANNON

06102005

To the distinguished BRAC committee,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base a part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues. The future use of super sonic fly space, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability, In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to 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.

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.

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 every step of the way.

Sincerely,

Barlene Hammond

P.S.

Our town Clovis has just become to grow, as it has been in a slump for some years, and closing Cannon would greatly hurt our community, so please consider not closing Cannon. Thank You

06072005

Britni Sherwood
3805 Lew Wallace
Clovis, NM 88101
505-762-2799

BRAC

June 2, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Arlington, VA 22202

Ref: Cannon AFB Closure

Dear BRAC Commissioners:

I am very concerned about the Department of Defense's recommendation that Cannon Air Force Base should be closed.

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, the close proximity to Melrose Bombing Range, over 325 days of wonderful flying weather, 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. You can review all of the awards Cannon has won for proof!

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 City of Clovis has GAVE land around the base for development. Once again proving that we rely on Cannon to help keep our town in existence. I was under the understanding that economic impact would be factored in when making the BRAC list? 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,



RECEIVED
06102005

May 25, 2005

Brac Commission
2521 S. Clark St. Ste. 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Brac Commission Committee Members:

I'm writing you to express my concern about your decision to close Cannon Air Force Base near Clovis, New Mexico. As a military dependent, I see Cannon as my home, however I also see a need to cut down on military spending in the US to advance our effort overseas.

The decision to cut Cannon Air Force Base was not made without thought. However I feel key aspects of the facility and surrounding community were left out when Cannon was considered for your list.

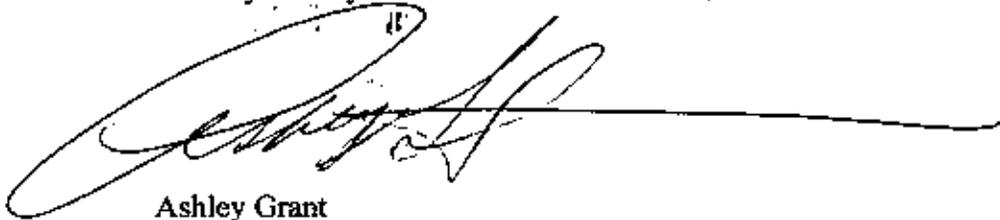
First the base has an abundance of air space and no encroachments. In addition, if the New Mexico Training Range Initiative is implemented pilots will have the ability to fly supersonic. This quality allows for better training and simulation of real life missions.

Sunny eastern New Mexico offers an ideal climate for year round training with little lost time due to inclement weather.

Cannon Air Force Base and Clovis, NM have a close relation not mimicked by any other military facility in the US. When my husband and I were PCSed here 1 year ago, we were welcomed to the community with open arms. The City of Clovis and Cannon are in sync. They communicate well with one another and are able provide both civilians and military members with a safe, relaxing, and fun environment. I guess you can say Cannon and Clovis are like peas and carrots: two different facilities that just work well together.

I think your committee should take some time and re-evaluate the Cannon Air Force Base- this time considering all the facts.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



Ashley Grant
American Real Estate Realtor & Military Spouse

RECEIVED

Operation KEEP Cannon

06102005

To the distinguished BRAC committee,

My family and I live in the communities of Clovis/Curry and Roosevelt County. I practically grew-up on that base. My father was a Korean and Vietnam war veteran. He met my mother and retired twice (active duty & civil service) at Cannon. I married an airman from Cannon and when he was honorably discharged we returned to Clovis/Cannon to raise our children. He is a civil service worker at the commissary on Cannon AFB. The communities have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues. The future use of super sonic fly space, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to the base.

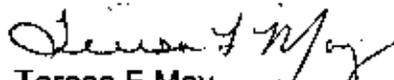
Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war fighting, training, and readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy. Cannon has won countless awards, both on the ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels and national and STAT levels.

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.

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 every step of the way.

Sincerely,


Teresa F May

06102005

BRAC commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Va., 22202



Dear BRAC Commissioners

I am very concerned about the Department of Defense's recommendation that Cannon Air Force Base should be closed.

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,

SrA & Mrs. Joshua Mangum

363 CR 13

Texico, N.M. 88135

Faint, illegible text at the bottom of the page, possibly a signature or date.

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

RECEIVED

To the distinguished BRAC committee,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base a part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues. The future use of super sonic fly space, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability, In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to 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.

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.

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 every step of the way.

Sincerely,

Phyllis & Gene Walker

RECEIVED

00108005

BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

Dear BRAC Commissioner:

I am very concerned about the Department of Defense's recommendation that Cannon Air Force Base should be closed.

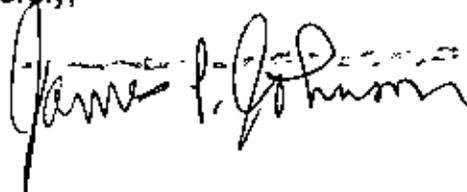
I want to help make the Commission fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include unencroached airspace suitable for training at supersonic speed, many new and existing facilities suitable for joint training exercises, and a low-cost environment that promotes 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 please to reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to my community. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,



**RECEIVED**
06172005

June 1, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 So. Clark St., Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

I am writing in response to the announcement that Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico is on the list to potentially be closed. The following factors are important to consider about why Cannon should be removed from the potential closing list.

- Consider the economic impact of Clovis and the surrounding communities, including Amarillo and Lubbock, would be affected tremendously.
- The consequence of loss of resources to thousands of retired military families that live in Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, and West Texas would be devastating. These people rely on Cannon for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more. There is not another installation close to serve our retired military.
- Consider the strategic response time for protection of the BWXT Pantex, Bell Helicopter and all other heavy industrial facilities in the surrounding area.
- Cannon Air Force Base is a top notch facility with plenty of space for expansion and is an approved base for super sonic flight. The abundance of air space and lack of encroachment issues provide safe and realistic training scenarios for pilots.
- The relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding cities, Clovis, Portales, and many West Texas cities, is unlike any other installation in the country.

In summary, the Clovis and surrounding communities have reached out and supported the base like no other community financially, morally, spiritually, and above all, consistently over the past 50 years. I know that you are faced with a difficult assignment, but please consider the points listed above and remove Cannon Air Force Base from the potential closing list under consideration.

Respectfully,


Edward W. Christianse

RECEIVED

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

06172005

To Samuel Knox Skinner, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit Cannon Air Force Base and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Alata [Signature]
[Signature]

**OPERATION KEEP CANNON**

06172005

To the distinguished BRAC committee,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base a part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues. The future use of super sonic fly space, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability, In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to 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.

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.

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 every step of the way.

Sincerely,

**OPERATION KEEP CANNON**

06172005

To Samuel Knox Skinner, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit Cannon Air Force Base and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Lorene Wells



06172005

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

To Samuel Knox Skinner, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Jama Wells

 RECEIVED
06172005

June 13, 2005

Aletha J. Magness
1609 9th Avenue
Canyon, TX 79015

The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner,

I am concerned about the BRAC Commission's decision to close Cannon Air Force Base.

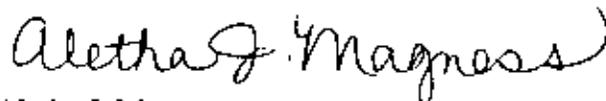
I feel the Commission is not totally aware of the assets Cannon offers to our national defense. Besides year-round exceptional flying weather, there is plenty of air space, and a bombing range close by.

Cannon is an integral part of Clovis/Portales. Cannon has been supported by these two communities for 50 years.

The closure of Cannon will also have a devastating impact on our economy. It is estimated that the area will lose at least 20 percent of its workforce, plus the ripple effect that we will have on our public and higher education systems.

I implore that you please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision.

Respectfully Yours,



Aletha J. Magness



OPERATION KEEP CANNON

To General James T. Hill, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

James A. Wells

**OPERATION KEEP CANNON****06172005**

To Brigadier General Sue Ellen Turner, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Janna Wells

RECEIVED
06172005

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

To Samuel Knox Skinner, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training ~~over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the~~ range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,



OPERATION KEEP CANNON**RECEIVED**
06172005

To Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr., BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

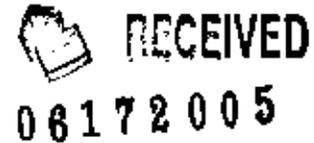
In the early 90's Curry County, in conjunction with the state of New Mexico, purchased air easements around Cannon Air Force Base and **GAVE** them to the Air Force. This was done to protect that air space from encroachments and was an important issue for the Air Force as it is today. The local community purchased land north of Cannon Air Force Base and **GAVE** it back to the Air Force for additional housing, now know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely, *Bernice I. Weems*

OPERATION KEEP CANNON



RECEIVED
06172005

To General James T. Hill, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to the base.

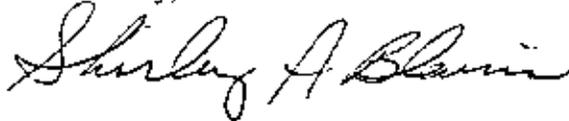
Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war fighting, training, and readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy. Cannon has won countless awards, both on the ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels, and national and STAT levels.

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 know 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.

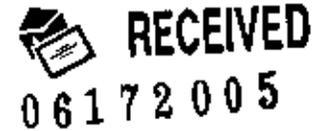
We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It is **UNLIKE ANY OTHER INSTALLATION IN THE COUNTRY.** These towns are home to large military retiree populations which rely on Cannon Air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

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,



OPERATION KEEP CANNON


 RECEIVED
06172005

To General James T. Hill, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns: Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,


 Lorene Wells

OPERATION KEEP CANNON**RECEIVED**
06172005

To General Lloyd "Fig" Newton, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Kathy P. Levy

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

06172005

RECEIVED

To General Lloyd "Fig" Newton, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely, *Bernice Jr*

OPERATION KEEP CANNON**RECEIVED**

06172005

To General James T. Hill, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Curto Bushman

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

**RECEIVED**
06172005

To the distinguished BRAC committee,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base a part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues. The future use of super sonic fly space, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to 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.

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.

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 every step of the way.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ozee Jurney
5 Barton Ct.
Clovis, N.M. 88101



RECEIVED
06172005

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

To General Lloyd "Fig" Newton, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns: Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit Cannon Air Force Base and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Mary Breakers



RECEIVED

06172005

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

To Samuel Knox Skinner, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon ~~which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit Cannon Air Force Base and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Carolyn A. Marshall

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

RECEIVED
06172005

To James H. Bilbray, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit Cannon Air Force Base and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Wynelle McKelip

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

06-17-05 RECEIVED

To Anthony J. Principi, BRAC Commission Chairman,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Wynette McKee

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

061  RECEIVED

To James V. Hansen, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit Cannon Air Force Base and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Wynette McKeel

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

 RECEIVED
06172005

To James V. Hansen, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It is to large military retiree populations which rely on Cannon Air Force Base 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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,



OPERATION KEEP CANNON **RECEIVED****06172005**

To Brigadier General Sue Ellen Turner, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Wynette McKelip



RECEIVED

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

06172005

To General James T. Hill, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Wynette McKelley

**OPERATION KEEP CANNON****06172005**

To General Lloyd "Fig" Newton, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit Cannon Air Force Base and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

**OPERATION KEEP CANNON 06172005**

To the distinguished BRAC committee,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base a part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues. The future use of super sonic fly space, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability, In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to 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.

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.

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 every step of the way.

Sincerely,

Mercedes Martinez



OPERATION KEEP CANNON

06172005

To General James T. Hill, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

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

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Shirley Ann Christian



RECEIVED

06172005

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

To James V. Hansen, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon ~~which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely

Shirley Ann Christian

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

 RECEIVED

06172005

To Brigadier General Sue Ellen Turner, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon. which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit Cannon Air Force Base and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely
Shirley Ann Christian

OPERATION KEEP CANNON**RECEIVED**

06172005

To Samuel Knox Skinner, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit Cannon Air Force Base and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

**OPERATION KEEP CANNON**

06172005

To Samuel Knox Skinner, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit Cannon Air Force Base and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

06172005
RECEIVED

To Anthony J. Principi, BRAC Commission Chairman,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It is **UNLIKE ANY OTHER INSTALLATION IN THE COUNTRY**. These towns are home to large 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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Sharon Liele

OPERATION KEEP CANNONRECEIVED
06172005

To Anthony J. Principi, BRAC Commission Chairman,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

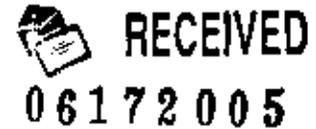
In the early 90's Curry County, in conjunction with the state of New Mexico, purchased air easements around Cannon Air Force Base and GAVE them to the Air Force. This was done to protect that air space from encroachments and was an important issue for the Air Force as it is today. The local community purchased land north of Cannon Air Force Base and GAVE it back to the Air Force for additional housing, now know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit Cannon Air Force Base and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Kathy A. Terry

OPERATION KEEP CANNON**RECEIVED**
06172005

To James V. Hansen, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely, *Bernice I. Weems*

OPERATION KEEP CANNON**RECEIVED**

To Philip Coyle, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Curtis Bushman



OPERATION KEEP CANNON

To Philip Coyle, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It is ~~UNLIKE ANY OTHER INSTALLATION IN THE COUNTRY. IT~~ to large military retiree populations which rely on Cannon Air Force Base 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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Blaney J. Laird".

RECEIVED
06172005

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

To Philip Coyle, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base to large military retiree populations which rely on Cannon Air Force Base 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. We respectfully ask that you visit Cannon Air Force Base and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,
Kathy P. Terry

OPERATION KEEP CANNON**RECEIVED**

06172005

To James V. Hansen, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Carlos Brashers



RECEIVED

06172005

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

To General James T. Hill, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit Cannon Air Force Base and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely, *Bernice I. Weems*

June 13, 2005

 RECEIVED
06172005

Dear BRAC Commissioners:

We are very concerned about the possible closure of Cannon Air Force Base.

If the base closes it will affect a multitude of people, both individually and corporately. Our schools will suffer in Portales and Clovis. Eastern New Mexico University will also be adversely affected.

It is our understanding that we have one of the best bombing ranges with more available airspace than any other military establishment in the country. We truly believe that Cannon Air Force Base is vital to the defense of our nation.

The taxpayers of the United States have spent billions of dollars to upgrade and improve Cannon Air Force Base and housing for the military personnel. It does not seem to be a wise decision monetarily to close the base.

With the threat of terrorism at this critical time, we cannot understand why Rumsfeld wants to close this particular base. It seems to us that he and his advisors must not be adequately informed.

We cannot possibly conceive the rationality which says that we will be saving money by closing this base. It seems to us, that the same amount of money will be required to be spent elsewhere for the personnel and maintenance and operation of the planes.

We have a great deal of respect for the military personnel based at Cannon Air Force Base. They have become our friends, and some have become relatives by marriage. Some of our closest friends have retired from Cannon Air Force Base and established residence in this area.

Sincerely,

Roland Erwin
Elaine Erwin

Roland & Elaine Erwin
1430 South Avenue E
Portales, NM 88130

RECEIVED 06212005

May 22, 2005
413 W Plaza Drive
Box 16
Clovis, NM 88101

The Honorable James Hansen,

I am very concerned about the BRAC Commission's decision to close Cannon Air Force Base.

I do not believe the Commission is fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers our national defense such as; pilots ability to fly supersonic during training missions, our good weather conditions, Melrose bombing range located minutes away, spaces and facilities to accommodate joint warfare training, the support Cannon can offers other military aircraft in training programs.

The entire area would hurt if you close Cannon. We have never fought the base but have embraced it with open heart, not only here in New Mexico but in surrounding area like our neighbors in Texas who would also lose if the base is closed. People, retirees come for miles and rely on Cannon.

*Please reconsider looking at all facts and please **KEEP CANNON!***

Sincerely,

Adam Medina

Adam Medina

RECEIVED
06172005
Agapito Trujillo
604 E. Canadian St.
Portales, NM 88130

Honorable James V. Hansen
BRAC commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Va., 22202

Mr. Hansen,

This letter is in reference to the proposed base realignment and closure list issued by the Department of Defense recently. Contained on that list was Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico. It is my opinion that this base was put on this list as the result of miscalculations on the part of the person or persons composing the list.

I believe that Cannon Air Force Base is essential in the Defense of our country and in the training of the people charged with the duty of that defense. There are many factors that lead me to this conclusion. These factors I will list as follows.

- Cannon does not fit the criteria provided for base closure.
- The base has an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues. This provides for safer and more realistic training scenarios for pilots.
- Once the New Mexico Training Range Initiative is implemented, we will be able to offer pilots the ability to fly supersonic during training missions. This is a very important point, as it allows the Air Force to better train for real-life situations.
- The weather in Eastern New Mexico provides year round training ability.
- The Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon. This allows pilots to get airborne, and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to 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 ample space/ramp space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations.
- The availability of air space and ideal flying weather makes Cannon the perfect candidate to support future training missions for the F-22, Joint Strike Fighter, and other military aircraft.
- Cannon has won countless awards, both on ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels, and national and STAT levels.
- The relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, West Texas, and others, is unlike any other installation in the country.
- Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, West Texas (including Amarillo and Lubbock) are home to a large military retiree population. These people rely on Cannon Air Force base for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more. There is not another installation close by to serve our retired military.

Perhaps the most important reason for reconsidering the decision of the D.O.D. is the fact that Cannon Air Force Base and the communities surrounding it, namely, Clovis, Portales, Floyd, Melrose and countless other municipalities have worked hand in glove throughout the

years to build a strong military-community relationship in an effort to help maintain **06172005**
National Defense.

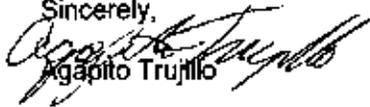
Among the many aspects of this cooperation are the following

- In the early 90s, 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 one done to protect that air space from encroachment and was an important issue for the Air Force.
- The local community purchased the 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.
- Leaders within our community spear-headed the effort to expand and convert the air space to supersonic capability through the New Mexico Training Range Initiative.

As an individual not connected nor employed by Cannon Air Force Base I urge you to study the facts closely before making your final decision. I feel that if all the facts and data are fairly assessed you will come to the same conclusion: **Keeping Cannon Air Force Base is essential to a Free America**

Thank you and god bless you and America

Sincerely,


Agapito Trujillo

OPERATION KEEP CANNON


RECEIVED
06172005

To General Lloyd "Fig" Newton, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Loren Wells

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

 **RECEIVED**
06172005

To General Lloyd "Fig" Newton, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to the base.

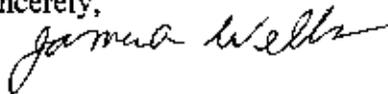
Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war fighting, training, and readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy. Cannon has won countless awards, both on the ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels, and national and STAT levels.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,



 RECEIVED
06172005

June 11, 2005

Mr. James V. Hansen
BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Hansen,

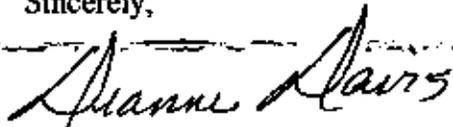
I am writing you in support of Cannon Air Force Base and to urge to you to journey to Clovis, New Mexico, on June 24 for the BRAC Commission hearing.

Cannon Air Force Base has been an on going part of my life. I remember fondly watching the planes training from our ranch as a child. Later I taught the children of the Air Force personnel stationed at Cannon. Over the years I have developed strong friendships with many people who came to New Mexico to serve at Cannon Air Force Base.

Cannon is a critical component in our community. It has been estimated that almost one fourth of the local workforce will be affected by the closing of Cannon. It would be a waste of our tax dollars to close Cannon when the base's military value is so important to our nation. We have unencroached airspace suitable for training at supersonic speed, excellent weather, and the excellent facilities at Cannon.

Please attend the hearing in Clovis on June 24 to see these things for yourself.

Sincerely,



Dianne Davis
2004 Enloe
Clovis, NM 88101

 RECEIVED
06172005

June 11, 2005

Mr. Anthony J. Principi
BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Principi,

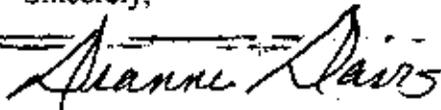
I am writing you in support of Cannon Air Force Base and to urge to you to journey to Clovis, New Mexico, on June 24 for the BRAC Commission hearing.

Cannon Air Force Base has been an on going part of my life. I remember fondly watching the planes training from our ranch as a child. Later I taught the children of the Air Force personnel stationed at Cannon. Over the years I have developed strong friendships with many people who came to New Mexico to serve at Cannon Air Force Base.

Cannon is a critical component in our community. It has been estimated that almost one fourth of the local workforce will be affected by the closing of Cannon. It would be a waste of our tax dollars to close Cannon when the base's military value is so important to our nation. We have unencroached airspace suitable for training at supersonic speed, excellent weather, and the excellent facilities at Cannon.

Please attend the hearing in Clovis on June 24 to see these things for yourself.

Sincerely,



Dianne Davis
2004 Enloe
Clovis, NM 88101

RECEIVED
06172005

June 11, 2005

General James T. Hill
BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear General Hill,

I am writing you in support of Cannon Air Force Base and to urge to you to journey to Clovis, New Mexico, on June 24 for the BRAC Commission hearing.

Cannon Air Force Base has been an on going part of my life. I remember fondly watching the planes training from our ranch as a child. Later I taught the children of the Air Force personnel stationed at Cannon. Over the years I have developed strong friendships with many people who came to New Mexico to serve at Cannon Air Force Base.

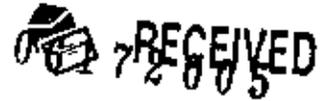
Cannon is a critical component in our community. It has been estimated that almost one fourth of the local workforce will be affected by the closing of Cannon. It would be a waste of our tax dollars to close Cannon when the base's military value is so important to our nation. We have unencroached airspace suitable for training at supersonic speed, excellent weather, and the excellent facilities at Cannon.

Please attend the hearing in Clovis on June 24 to see these things for yourself.

Sincerely,



Dianne Davis
2004 Enloe
Clovis, NM 88101

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

To Anthony J. Principi, BRAC Commission Chairman,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

Shirley Ann Christian

OPERATION KEEP CANNON



RECEIVED

06172005

To James V. Hansen, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range and instrument lighting runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get in, train and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to 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.

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 know 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.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It 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.

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. We respectfully ask that you visit Cannon Air Force Base and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely,

David Thompson
PO Box 849
Clovis, NM 88101

The Honorable James V. Hansen,

I am very concerned about the BRAC Commission's decision to close Cannon Air Force Base.

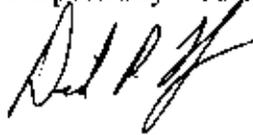
I do not believe the Commission is fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues, a bombing range that is only seconds away, the airspace to fly at supersonic speeds, and ideal year-round flying weather, among many others.

In addition to the military values to the nation, Cannon has been supported over the last 50 years by the local communities like no other in the country. We consider Cannon 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, plus the ripples effect that we will have on our public and higher education systems.

Please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision.

Respectfully Yours,



Operation KEEP CannonRECEIVED
06102005

To the distinguished BRAC committee,

My family and I live in the communities of Clovis/Curry and Roosevelt County. I practically grew-up on that base. My father was a Korean and Vietnam war veteran. He met my mother and retired twice (active duty & civil service) at Cannon. I married an airman from Cannon and when he was honorably discharged we returned to Clovis/Cannon to raise our children. He is a civil service worker at the commissary on Cannon AFB. The communities have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues. The future use of super sonic fly space, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to the base.

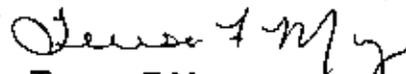
Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war fighting, training, and readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy. Cannon has won countless awards, both on the ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels and national and STAT levels.

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.

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 every step of the way.

Sincerely,


Teresa F May

06212005



RECEIVED

GENERAL LLOYD W. NEWTON:

I am very concerned about the Department of Defense's recommendation that Cannon Air Force Base should be closed.

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.

Our local community has been uniquely supportive, donating time and land to promote the base's needs. We have also welcomed the personnel and 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.

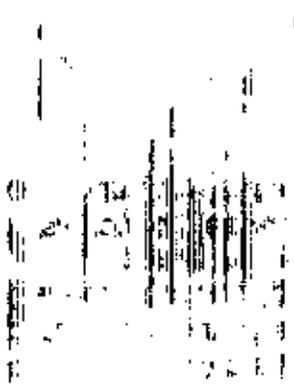
The closure of Cannon will also have a devastating impact on our economy. It has been estimated that the area will lose at least 20 percent of its workforce, a percentage out of line with the effect of base closings in other communities. Cannon is critical for us.

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

THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

Larry Powell

LARRY POWELL



OPERATION KEEP CANNON

062.12005

 RECEIVED

To the distinguished BRAC committee,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base a part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues. The future use of super sonic fly space, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability, In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to 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.

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.

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 every step of the way.

Sincerely,



Justin Liles
505 S Ave G
Portales, NM 88130-6345



RECEIVED 06212005

Admiral Harold W. Gehman Jr.,

I am very concerned about the BRAC Commission's decision to close Cannon Air Force Base.

I do not believe the Commission is fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include the following:

- The weather in eastern New Mexico provides year-around training.
- The Melrose bombing range is seconds away from Cannon.
- Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint warfare training and readiness.
- Cannon has ample space/ramp space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations.
- In the early 90s, Curry County, in conjunction with the state of New Mexico, purchased air easements around Cannon and gave them to the Air Force. This was done to protect the air space from encroachment.
- The local community purchased the land north of Cannon and gave it back to the Air Force for additional housing.
- The local 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.
- The local community spearheaded the effort to expand and convert the airspace to supersonic capability through the New Mexico Training Range Initiative.

In addition to the military value to the nation, Cannon has been supported over the last 50 years by the local communities like no other in the country. We consider Cannon 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, plus the ripple effect that we will have on our public and higher education systems.

Please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully Yours,


Justin Liles

**OPERATION KEEP CANNON**

06212005

To the distinguished BRAC committee,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base a part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues. The future use of super sonic fly space, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability, In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to 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.

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.

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 every step of the way.

Sincerely,

Rachael Gallegos

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

06212005

 RECEIVED

To the distinguished BRAC committee,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base a part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues. The future use of super sonic fly space, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability, In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to the base.

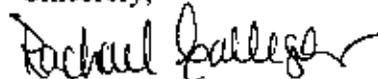
Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war fighting, training, and readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy. Cannon has won countless awards, both on the ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels, and national and STAT levels.

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.

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 every step of the way.

Sincerely,



OPERATION KEEP CANNON

RECEIVED

06212005

To the distinguished BRAC committee,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base a part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues. The future use of super sonic fly space, the fabulous weather that permits a year-round training ability, In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to 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.

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.

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 every step of the way.

Sincerely,

Rachael Gallager

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

RECEIVED

06212005

To the distinguished BRAC committee,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base a part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues. The future use of super sonic fly space, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability, In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to the base.

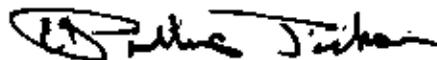
Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war fighting, training, and readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy. Cannon has won countless awards, both on the ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels, and national and STAT levels.

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.

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 every step of the way.

Sincerely,



Clovis, NM

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

062.12005



To the distinguished BRAC committee,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base a part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues. The future use of super sonic fly space, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability, In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to the base.

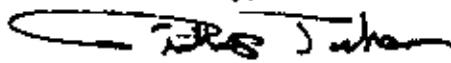
Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war fighting, training, and readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy. Cannon has won countless awards, both on the ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels, and national and STAT levels.

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.

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 every step of the way.

Sincerely,


Clovis, N.M.



06212005

GENERAL JAMES T. HILL:

I am very concerned about the Department of Defense's recommendation that Cannon Air Force Base should be closed.

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.

Our local community has been uniquely supportive, donating time and land to promote the base's needs. We have also welcomed the personnel and 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 ask you to please reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to my community. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

Larry Powell

LARRY POWELL

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR AIR FORCE POLICY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20330-3000

06212005

Judith James
PO Box 849
Clovis, NM 88101

 RECEIVED

The honorable Samuel K. Skinner,

I am very concerned about the BRAC Commission's decision to close Cannon Air Force Base.

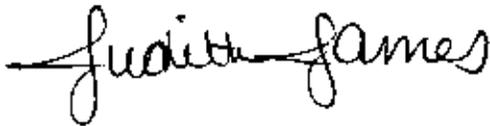
I do not believe the Commission is fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues, a bombing range that is only seconds away, the airspace to fly at supersonic speeds, and ideal year-round flying weather, among many others.

In addition to the military values to the nation, Cannon has been supported over the last 50 years by the local communities like no other in the country. We consider Cannon 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, plus the ripples effect that we will have on our public and higher education systems.

Please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision.

Respectfully Yours,



Bart Barton
PO Box 849
Clovis, NM 88101

 RECEIVED 6 2 12 005

General James T. Hill,

I am very concerned about the BRAC Commission's decision to close Cannon Air Force Base.

I do not believe the Commission is fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues, a bombing range that is only seconds away, the airspace to fly at supersonic speeds, and ideal year-round flying weather, among many others.

In addition to the military values to the nation, Cannon has been supported over the last 50 years by the local communities like no other in the country. We consider Cannon 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, plus the ripples effect that we will have on our public and higher education systems.

Please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision.

Respectfully Yours,



Nathan Richardson
PO Box 849
Clovis, NM 88101



RECEIVED

06212005

The honorable Samuel K. Skinner,

I am very concerned about the BRAC Commission's decision to close Cannon Air Force Base.

I do not believe the Commission is fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues, a bombing range that is only seconds away, the airspace to fly at supersonic speeds, and ideal year-round flying weather, among many others.

In addition to the military values to the nation, Cannon has been supported over the last 50 years by the local communities like no other in the country. We consider Cannon 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, plus the ripples effect that we will have on our public and higher education systems.

Please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision.

Respectfully Yours,

06212005
RECEIVED

Dear Harold W. Grehman Jr.,

This is my input concerning your decision to close Cannon AFB in Clovis, NM. Here are a couple of reasons we have to offer to keep Cannon open as well as the major impact it would have on the surrounding community.

We estimate that there are approximately 12,000 homes and apartments valued at \$95,000 each = 1 Billion 140 million. If Cannon closes, real estate will drop 25-30% in value = \$285 million in losses.

Cannon has a great relationship with all the surrounding communities, and has also won awards at ACC, Air Force, and NAF levels.

We have no smog or pollution problem in the area and the dryness of our climate is certainly an asset against corrosion and rust likely to take place at some of the other facilities.

Cannon has the, facilities, and ramp space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations, readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy.

WE strongly urge you to reconsider your decision and "Keep Cannon".

Sincerely,

Ronald Dickson

Ronald Dickson

**OPERATION
KEEP CANNON**

May 22, 2005
413 W Plaza Drive
Box 16
Clovis, NM 88101

06212005



The Honorable Phillip Bilbray,

I am very concerned about the BRAC Commission's decision to close Cannon Air Force Base.

I do not believe the Commission is fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers our national defense such as; pilots ability to fly supersonic during training missions, our good weather conditions, Melrose bombing range located minutes away, spaces and facilities to accommodate joint warfare training, the support Cannon can offers other military aircraft in training programs.

The entire area would hurt if you close Cannon. We have never fought the base but have embraced it with open heart, not only here in New Mexico but in surrounding area like our neighbors in Texas who would also lose if the base is closed. People, retirees come for miles and rely on Cannon.

*Please reconsider looking at all facts and please **KEEP CANNON!***

Sincerely,

Adam Medina

Adam Medina