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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.

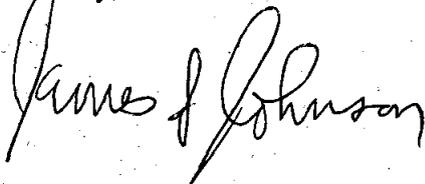
I want to help make the Commission fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include unencroached airspace suitable for training at supersonic speed, many new and existing facilities suitable for joint training exercises, and a low-cost environment that promotes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

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

Sincerely,



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Mr. & Mrs. Ernesto Pinon
616 Sara Layne
Clovis, New Mexico 88101

General Lloyd W. Newton,

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Respectfully Yours,



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I moved to Clovis, New Mexico six years ago and the sense of PRIDE I have for our men and women who reside at Cannon is tremendous.

Please keep our Air Force Base open at Clovis, New Mexico. Clovis wouldn't be the same without our base.

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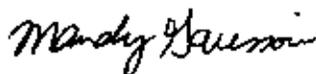
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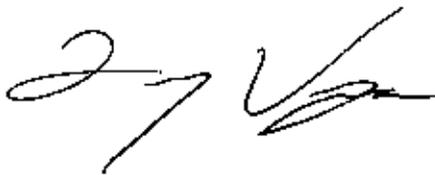
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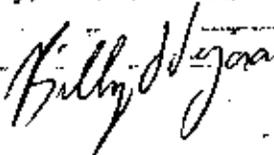
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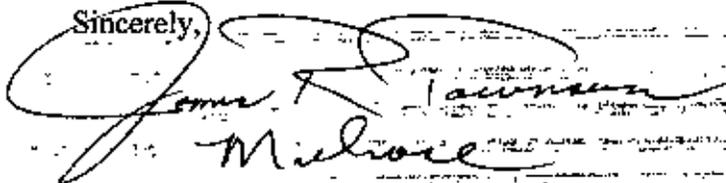
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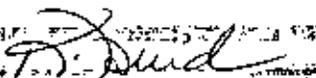
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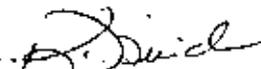
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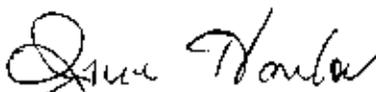
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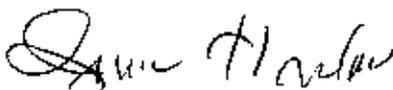
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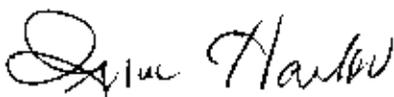
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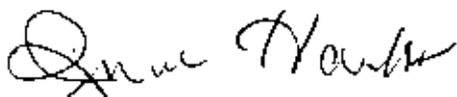
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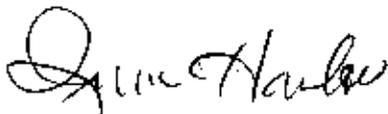
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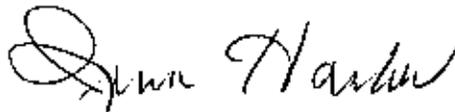
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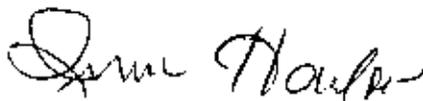
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It will be very devastating and far reaching for us, even closing one of our schools that mostly children of CANNON attends.

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

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

Sincerely:

cc:

President George W. Bush
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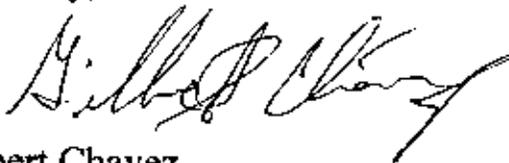
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