

Eric D. Alaniz

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Portales, NM 88130

May 20, 2005

General Lloyd W. Newton  
BRAC Commission  
2521 S. Clark St.  
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605 W 20TH  
CLOVIS NM 88101

THE HONORABLE JAMES V HANSEN

I AM WRITING IN REGARDS OF OVERTURNING THE BRAC  
COMMISSION'S DECISION ON CLOSING CANNON AIR FORCE BASE.

I AM A COLLEGE SENIOR ABOUT TO GRADUATE WITH A DEGREE  
IN ELECTRONICS. WITH THE DECISION TO CLOSE CANNON  
THERE HAVE BEEN MANY ANTICIPATED PROJECTS THAT HAVE  
BEEN CANCELLED IN OUR AREA. THESE PROJECTS WERE  
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CANNON.

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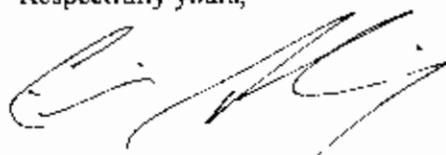
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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO  
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ADMIRAL HAROLD W. GENMAN JR.

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I DO NOT BELIEVE THE COMMISSION IS FULLY AWARE OF  
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PUBLIC AND HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEMS.

PLEASE RECONSIDER ALL THE FACTS VERY CAREFULLY  
BEFORE MAKING YOUR FINAL DECISION.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,  
Viviano Archuleta

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James O Chacon

128 N.M. Dr.

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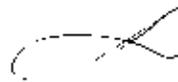
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I have lived here all my life (46 years)  
and cannot remember a time when the  
base was not here. The people of Cannon  
are over family & friends, and we would  
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Mr. Kenneth Harold W. Peterson Jr.

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Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

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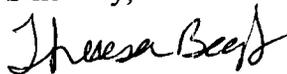
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Sincerely,



Theresa Begley  
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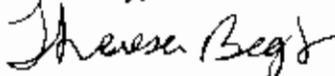
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Reconsider and take Cannon AFB off the closure list

Dear Commissioners:

I am a 50 year citizen of Clovis, NM. I was born at Cannon, while my father was in the Air Force here. We made Clovis our home and Cannon is a huge part of our lives. I teach elementary school here and more than half of my students' fathers are in the Air Force. If we lose the base it would greatly affect our school system. I count it a privilege to teach these children. I understand what they face as they change schools and their families are affected what our government undertakes in its defense of our great country.

My daughter met her husband as a result of Cannon, he was an officer stationed at Cannon 6 years ago. I am so proud of him and their commitment to their life in the military. They currently live in Arizona where they are currently stationed at Luke AFB. So you can see Cannon is a real part of our lives.

I have listed reasons we feel that Cannon should not be on the list:

- 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, 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 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

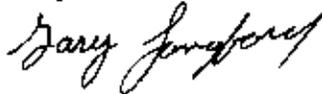
In addition Clovis has a strong, 50-year relationship with the base. Some things you can reference in that regard are:

- 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.

In summary, the community has reached out and supported the base like no other community over the last 50 years. We've done so financially, morally, spiritually and above all, consistently.

Please consider these things as you review Cannon. We love our country and are so very proud to have Cannon. God Bless

Thank you,



Gary Langford

3760 Glenfield

Clovis, NM 88101

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Dear Commissioners:

I am a 56 year citizen of Clovis, NM. I work for COX cable and we provide service for Cannon AFB. If we lose the base it will greatly affect our business as we would lose as many 2,000 customers and consequently some of us could lose our jobs.

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- 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, and then returning to the base.
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- 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.
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In addition Clovis has a strong, 50-year relationship with the base. Some things you can reference in that regard are:

- 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.

In summary, the community has reached out and supported the base like no other community over the last 50 years. We've done so financially, morally, spiritually and above all, consistently.

Please consider these things as you review Cannon. We love our country and are so very proud to have Cannon. God Bless.

Thank you,



Cathy Langford

3760 Glenfield

Clovis, NM 88101

May 27, 2005

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BRAC Commission  
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- Unrestricted airspace
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- Encroachment not an issue
- Community that supports base families 100%
- Excellent base facilities

Please re-evaluate Cannon Air Force Base and remove them from the closure list.

Sincerely,



Gregory L. Burns  
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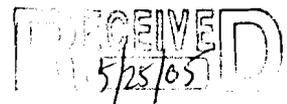
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26 May 2005

Sirs:

Reconsider and take Cannon AFB off the closure list!

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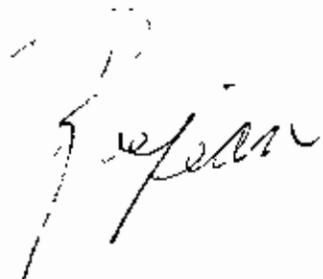
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As a note of my own. On Cannon Air Force Base we have two areas of National Wet Lands. These are protected lands under the government. We Cannon working so hard on keeping up with EPA and not having any major violations these lands will stay protected. However, if you were to close our base would these lands also be lost. I feel they would. National Wet Lands

should be protected and Cannon is the guardian of these lands. Do not take them away.

I feel that BRAC needs to take a closer look at what is going on at Cannon. We are still at War. Whether you want to admit it Our troops are going over to Iraq and getting killed every day. Cannon is a home to many troops over there. Don't take their home away. I feel it is wrong at this time to close anything state side. Start closing the ineffective bases over seas. Bring our troops home to a home such as Cannon Air Force Base.

Thank you for you time. But please take the time to think this one out. We all know that it is Political and there are a lot of waste in the government. But there is NO waste at Cannon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. P. [unclear]". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Dr. Anne Beck  
Department of Theatre and Dance  
Eastern New Mexico University  
Portales, New Mexico 88130

May 20, 2005

The Honorable Philip Coyle,

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

I do not believe the Commission is aware of the 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 air space to fly at supersonic speeds, and ideal year-round flying weather.

In addition to the military value to the nation, Canon has been supported over the last 50 years by the local communities like Clovis and Portales, where I live and work. We consider Canon a part of our family.

The closure of Canon will have a devastating impact on our communities and our state of New Mexico. We treasure the people of Canon and need to keep them as part of our region—for the growth of our sparsely populated state and for the good of our local region.

Please do reconsider all the facts before making your final decision.

Respectfully,



Dr. Anne Beck

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May 20, 2005

Betty Daves

716 W. 15th St

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

The Honorable James V. Hansen:

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

I believe Cannon has unique attributes to offer to our national defense. These include an abundance of air space, a bombing range within a few miles, no air traffic issues, and year long ideal flying weather.

I am also concerned about the negative economic impact Cannon's closing would have on our area.

Please reconsider the facts before making your final decision.

Respectfully yours,

Betty Daves

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May 20, 2005

Betty Deaver  
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within borders, and good sound level  
flying weather. I understand Cannon has  
a brand new fire station and flight  
tower within a year or two old.

The closure of Cannon will have a  
devastating effect on our economy, as well.  
It has been determined that the area will lose  
20 percent of its asset base, plus we will lose  
students in both public schools and the higher  
education institutions.

Please reconsider the facts before making  
your final decision.

Respectfully yours,

Betty Deaver

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Portales, NM 88130

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To Honorable Samuel Skinner

As a military retiree of 50 years, I'm  
asking for your help in keeping  
Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, NM,  
open!

We retirees from N.M. and northwest Texas  
have no military to help us with healthcare,  
groceries, legal aid, gas etc.

The flying is perfect here, sunny skies  
all year long (It's a desert area!) and no  
mountains, nearby bombing training range &  
supersonic capabilities!

Help us keep CANNON AFB

Sincerely  
Monica Holbrook

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To the Hon. James Hansen

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The retirees in this N.M. area and also in Amarillo, TX and Lubbock, TX have no military base to help us with healthcare, groceries, Lego aid, gas, etc

The weather is perfect for flying here sunny days all year long (It's a desert!) and no mountains, no encroachment problems, a bombing range nearby and supersonic capabilities.

Please help

CANNON  
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BASE, Clovis N.M.

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Sincerely,

Monica Holbrook



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PATRICIA HOLBROOK  
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Brigadier General Sue E. Turner

The Entire area, including Amador and Tubbs, is home to a large military retiree population. These retirees rely on Cannon for healthcare, grocery shopping and more. There is not another Base close by to some retired military, including my family.

Please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision.

Respectfully Yours,

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THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. PRINCIPI

I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE BRAC COMMISSION'S DECISION TO  
CLOSE CANNON AIR FORCE BASE

I FEEL SAFE HAVING THEM HERE FROM FUTURE ATTACKS.  
THEY WILL PROTECT OUR SKIES.

PLEASE DON'T CLOSE THE BASE.

PLEASE RECONSIDER ALL THE FACTS BEFORE YOUR FINAL DECISION.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

Patricia Holbrook

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PATRICIA HOLBROOK  
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THE HONORABLE JAMES H. BILBRAY

I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE "BRAC" COMMISSION'S DECISION TO  
CLOSE CANNON AIR FORCE BASE.

THE CLOSURE OF CANNON WILL ALSO HAVE A DEVASTATING IMPACT ON  
OUR ECONOMY. IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED THAT THE AREA WILL LOSE  
20% OF ITS WORKFORCE.

PLEASE DON'T CLOSE IT

Patricia Holbrook

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THE HONORABLE SAMUEL K. SKINNER

I AM A NEW MEXICO CITIZEN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT  
THE BRAC DECISION TO CLOSE CANNON AIR FORCE BASE

NEW MEXICO - THE CLOVIS COMMUNITY AND ITS SURROUNDING  
NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING WEST TEXAS, WILL SUFFER  
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THE CLOSURE OF CANNON WILL MOST DEFINITELY  
HAVE AN IMPACT, NEGATIVELY TO OUR STATE,  
THE CLOVIS COMMUNITY, ITS NEIGHBORS AND  
WEST TEXAS.

PLEASE RECONSIDER ALL THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS  
BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,  
Viviano Archuleta

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Portales NM 88130

Brigadier General Sue E. Turner

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I write to you with great concern regarding  
the closure of Cannon Air Force Base located  
in Clovis, New Mexico.

I am a resident of Portales New Mexico located  
near a Cannon Air Force Base. Portales is  
a small rural community and the base  
is vital to our existence. I realize that  
the BRAC Commission's decision to close the  
base may seem necessary but it will  
have a great negative impact on our  
community. The many men, women and  
their family members are in our existence.  
Closure of Cannon also means closure of  
many small business in our community.  
In my opinion, this translates to

more unemployed Americans. It  
also means that many of us will  
be forced to seek employment  
in other communities & possibly  
move our families as well.

I ask that you reconsider this  
~~decision~~ & decision and consider the  
negative impact of closing Cannon.

Respectfully,

Don Gray

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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi

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closure of Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis,  
New Mexico.

I am a resident of Petalco, New Mexico, which is  
a small rural town near Cannon Air Force Base.  
I realize that the BRAC Commission's decision  
to close the base may seem necessary but  
it will greatly affect the economy of Clovis, Petalco  
and the surrounding communities. They many  
service men, women and their families greatly  
contribute to our economy and our town's  
14,000 residents. Closure of Cannon would also  
mean closing many home owned & operated  
businesses in Petalco. In my opinion, ~~it~~ this  
translates to more unemployed Americans  
and world force many of us to seek

Employment ~~else~~ elsewhere and be forced to move our families to other communities.

I strongly urge you to reconsider your decision to close Cannon Air Force Base and consider the economic impact this will have on our community.

Respectfully,  
Yours

Don Gray

May 19, 2005

Ronald Gray

PO Box 544

Pontales NM 88130

The Honorable Philip Cayle

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I write to you with great concerns regarding the closure of Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico.

I am a resident of Pontales, New Mexico, which is a small rural community near Cannon Air Force Base. I realize that the BRAC Commission's decision to close Cannon may seem necessary but it will greatly affect the economy of Clovis, Pontales and the surrounding communities. The many service men, women and their families play a vital role in our economy. Closing Cannon would also mean closure

I many have owned and operated <sup>from</sup> businesses. In my opinion, this translates to more unemployed Americans & would force many of us to seek employment elsewhere & possibly move our families to another area.

I ask that you reconsider your decision to close Cannon Air Force Base before making a final decision.

Respectfully yours

Wendy Gray



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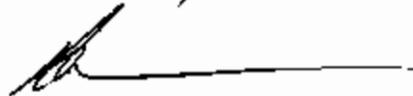
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DEAR MR. SKINNER,

PLEASE KEEP CANNON AFB OPEN,  
THIS BASE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF  
CRENS, NM. FROM THIS BASE WE RECEIVE  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYERS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES,  
SCHOOL TEACHERS, CHURCH VOLUNTEERS & MEMBERS,  
LITTLE LEAGUE COACHES, AND A MYRIAD  
OF OTHER ASSISTANCE. FOR WHICH WE  
PROVIDE LAND FOR MILITARY BASE GROWTH,  
UNRESTRICTED AIR SPACE FOR TRAINING, &  
WE ALLOW SUPER-SONIC FLIGHT SO THE  
TRAINING PROVIDED IS REALISTIC.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION  
OF THIS MATTER & YOUR SERVICE TO OUR  
COUNTRY, I AM CERTAIN YOU NOW  
REALIZE THE BENEFITS CRENS, & CANNON AFB  
PROVIDE FOR THE U.S. MILITARY.

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DEAR MR. NEWTON,

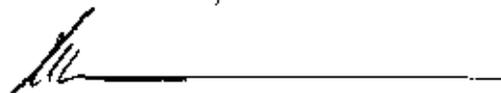
AS A BASE COMMANDER YOU REALIZE BETTER THAN ANY WHAT AN ADVANTAGE CLOUDS' SUPPORT OF CANNON, AFB IS. WE HAVE GIVEN LAND & AIR SPACE TO THE AIR FORCE TO ENHANCE THE MISSION OF THE 27TH FIGHTER WING AT CANNON.

YOU ALSO REALIZE AS A COMMANDER OF EDUCATION & TRAINING WHAT AN ASSET OUR CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE WILDLY PROMISING PRAGE IS. OUR CITY ALSO OFFERS UNPARALED WEATHER CONDITIONS FOR FLIGHT & TRAINING OF ALL TYPES.

I AM ALSO POSITIVE THAT AS A PILOT YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF HOW VALUABLE REALISTIC ~~FLIGHT~~ TRAINING IS. CLOUDS ALLOWS SUPER-SOUND FLIGHT WHICH IS CRUCIAL IN REALISTIC SITUATIONAL AIR COMBAT TRAINING.

AFTER REVIEWING THESE ADVANTAGES FOR CANNON AFB I'M SURE YOU CAN SEE WHAT A MISTAKE IT WOULD BE TO CLOSE THIS BASE.

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DEAR MR. HILL,

CLOSING CANNON, AFB ~~IS~~ WOULD BE  
A LARGE LOSS FOR THE AIR FORCE.  
CROSS HAS GIVEN LAND AND AIR SPACE TO  
THE AIR FORCE AT THE CITY'S EXPENSE,  
WE OFFER IDEAL CLIMATE CONDITIONS FOR  
TRAINING, WE ARE SECONDS FROM THE  
PENNINSULA RANGE IN MELROSE, AND MORE  
LAND IS AVAILABLE TO GROW.

LOUIS WOULD SUFFER DRAMATIC  
ECONOMIC EFFECTS SHOULD THIS CLOSURE  
OCCUR. NOT ONLY WOULD WE SUFFER FROM  
THE LOSS OF THE MILITARY, BUT ALSO FROM  
THE LOSS OF THEIR SPOUSES. THESE INDIVIDUALS  
FILL MANY IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN OUR  
CITY, SUCH AS VOLUNTEERS IN OUR  
CHURCHES, AS EMPLOYEES THROUGHOUT THE  
CITY & SURROUNDING AREAS, AND ~~SCHOOL~~ SCHOOL  
TEACHERS JUST TO NAME A FEW.

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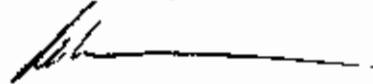
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DEAR MR HANSEN,

DO NOT CLOSE DOWN, A73. THIS WOULD BE A WASTE OF THE UNMATCHED RESOURCES OFFERED BY ITS LOUIS LOCATION. WE HAVE UNMATCHED UNRESTRICTED AIR SPACE, EASY ACCESS TO THE BOMBING RANGE IN MELROSE, LARGE AMOUNTS OF LAND AVAILABLE FOR BASE/MISSION GROWTH, AND THE PERFECT CLIMATE FOR YEAR ROUND TRAINING OF PERSONNEL.

THE CITY OF LOUIS + CURRY COUNTY HAVE ~~THE~~ PURCHASED LAND AND AIR SPACE AND GIVEN IT TO THE AIR FORCE, WE ALSO PASSED AN INITIATIVE TO ALLOW SUPER-SONIC FLIGHT. NO CITY SUPPORTS ITS BASE + THEIR PERSONNEL LIKE LOUIS,

Sincerely,



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DEAR MR. GETHMAN,

AS A KEY MEMBER IS WORKING ON THE BUDGET FOR THE MAY YOU CAN SURELY SEE THE IMPACT CLOVIS, NM HAS HAD ON THE AIR FORCE. WE BENEFIT AS A COMMUNITY FROM CANNON, AFB & WE SHOW OUR APPRECIATION. WE HAVE PURCHASED LAND & AIR RIGHTS AND GIVEN THEM TO THE AIR FORCE, NO OTHER CITY CARES FOR THEIR BASE & ITS ~~PER~~ PERSONNEL LIKE CLOVIS DOES WITH CANNON, AFB.

PLEASE REMOVE CANNON FROM THE CLOSURE LIST. NOT ONLY DOES IT HELP CLOVIS, IT HELPS THE AIR FORCE. WE OFFER UNRESTRICTED AIR SPACE, OPEN LAND FOR EXPANSION, EASY ACCESS TO THE WERPOSE BOMBING RANGE, AND A LOVE FOR OUR MILITARY NO OTHER LOCATION HAS.

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DEAR MR. BILOKAI,

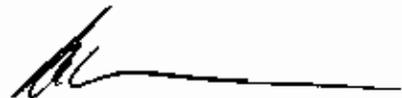
I'm a LIFE-LONG RESIDENT OF CLOVIS, NM.  
MY CITY IS 8 MILES EAST OF CANNON, AFB.  
AS YOU ARE AWARE THIS BASE IS ON YOUR LIST  
FOR POSSIBLE CLOSURE.

THIS CLOSURE IS A MISTAKE. THE CITY  
OF CLOVIS WOULD HAVE MORE ECONOMIC  
REPERCUSSIONS. ASIDE FROM THE IMPACT TO  
MY BUSINESS, CLOVIS OFFERS MANY ADVANTAGES  
FOR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

WE HAVE VAST AMOUNTS OF UNRESTRICTED  
AIR SPACE. OUR CITY ALLOWS SUPER-SONIC FLIGHT.  
THERE ARE 1,000'S OF ACRES AVAILABLE FOR  
EXPANSION. OUR CITY & COUNTY HAVE BOUGHT,  
THEN GIVEN LARGE PORTS OF LAND TO  
THE MILITARY. WE ARE 70 MILES FROM A  
BOMBING RANGE.

PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE THIS BASE.  
CLOVIS OFFERS MANY UNIQUE ADVANTAGES AND  
ZERO NEGATIVES.

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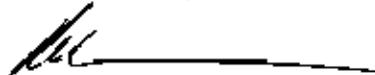
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DEAR MR. COYNE,

Your experience in research, evaluation, & testing should show easily that Cannon AFB should stay open. Cannon offers large amounts of unrestricted air space for training. Our base is only 20 miles from a bombing range, which allows easy access for testing & training. The weather is also conducive to Air Force operations. Pilots are able to train year round at Cannon.

Please consider the facts before leaving this base on the list. There are so many advantages to keeping Cannon open, not only for the Air Force but for our community & surrounding area.

Sincerely,





Date: May 27, 2005

To whom it may concern

I would like to thank you for your decision to place Cannon Air Force Base on the closure list. As a military spouse, I was afraid to express myself because military members are not allowed to involve themselves in this situation. I did not want this letter to affect my spouse's military career; therefore, I will remain anonymous.

Cannon Air Force Base is a very hard assignment. The community is not as supportive as they appear to be. The community has a high rate for drug trafficking and alcohol usage. There is very little for our youth to do within the community and this causes a lot of concerns for teens.

The medical facility/ services are inadequate. This forces many active military members to travel back and forth as far as to Lubbock or Albuquerque, New Mexico, to receive adequate medical services. Unfortunately, these cities are 1 ½ to 4 hours away from Cannon. There were times that I myself had to travel 4 hours to Albuquerque, New Mexico for adequate medical care.

Jobs within the community are very limited for Air Force families causing a financial burden on the active duty member. There is a lot of nepotism that goes on within the Clovis community, which hinders military spouses trying to obtain adequate employment.

There is very little to do within the community. At times, the base can be very depressing.

I could not believe that the base was even considered because many felt that Cannon Air Force Base was untouchable. For the first time, I felt that we were not placed in the middle of nowhere to be forgotten. The quality of life in Clovis is inadequate for some military members and their families.

I have learned to appreciate communities which accommodate the needs of the active duty members and their families.

The community is speaking out because they are fearful about the effect it would have on their businesses. There are fewer concerns about the effect it has on the military members serving our country. In my opinion, Cannon AFB has done more to support the city of Clovis than the city of Clovis has done to support Cannon. Just take a ride around Clovis, take a look at 60:84, 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Prince Street, at times it can be depressing.

In closing, if Cannon AFB remains open, then maybe BRAC's evaluation will enlighten the city of Clovis to enhance the quality of life for Cannon residents. Again thank you for your support and decision.

Sincerely,  
*Military Spouse*  
Military Spouse

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Although he was born and raised in Missouri, he and my mother decided to stay here after his retirement. This decision was due largely in part to the closeness of Cannon. There is not a mother installation close by to provide the services they need. Clovis and the surrounding area is home for many military retirees who would be adversely affected if Cannon were closed.

Also, the local economy would be severely impacted if Cannon were closed. Already, the prices of homes for sale have dropped, as much as 30% according to realtor friends. Also, many homes that were being built as spec homes have been stopped in mid-construction since the announcement May 13. We are heavily dependant on Cannon as a large part of our local economy.

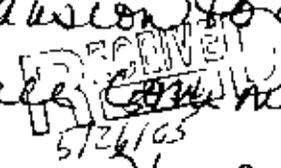
Please take Cannon AFB off your list.  
 Thanks so much,  
 Sincerely,  
 Judy Williams

1415 Zidding St.  
Clouis, Wm 88101  
May 24, 2005

BRAC Commission  
2521 S. Clark St. #600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Subject: Reconsider and take Cannon AFB off  
Closure List

Dear BRAC Commission,

I hope you will reconsider and take  
Cannon AFB off the BRAC Closure list. Our  
little town would be tremendously adversely  
affected by the closure of Cannon. For  
example, our local hospital was in the middle  
of a \$60 million dollar expansion for a new Heart  
and Cancer wings. Our small  community college  
had just built a new library. The restaurant  
chains of Chili's and Applebees have just

Come in along with Hobbly Dobbly. A new VA Clinic was opened this year. To take our base would remove a large portion of our population and economic base. Since we are not a large town (pop 35,000 to 40,000), this would be a terrible blow to the local economy. I hope you will look again at the economic impact taking out Cannon would have on our small town.

Thank you so much for your consideration.  
Sincerely,

Judy Williams

P.S. Also, I have been told by local realtors, that property values on homes have fallen 30% since May 12, 2005.

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