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Subject: Cannon AFB

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2. I'm sure you and your staff will analyze all the facts, figures and data that our work group put together. I know you will find that the information submitted to the Air Force, which in-turn was submitted to the Department of Defense, was grossly in error. Not only the factual data about the mission capabilities of the base but also the economic impact on all the local communities presented an untrue picture of Cannon's military and economic contributions. Our base has the current and future capability to be a major contributor to military training and operational missions.
3. We know you take the charter of the BRAC Commission very seriously. It is readily apparent from the revised facts and figures our work group assembled that we are no where near the total score we were given by the Department of Defense. When the scores are recomputed we would be near, if not at the top of all the F-16 bases as

well as any other base we might be compared with. It would weaken our military capability to close Cannon rather than another base that does not rank as high on military capability. The overall objective of the BRAC is to reduce the number of bases but a base with the resources and capabilities of Cannon should not be on that type of list.

4. I am a retired Chief Master Sergeant and spent over 30 years in the Air Force. I was stationed at 16 different bases during those 30 years and spent time temporarily at dozens of other bases. I can not name one other base that has better facilities, weather, or community relations. Ad to that the extremely low cost of land if needed for expansion and I think you will agree that this is one of the premier bases in the entire Department of Defense.
5. It's not important to us at this point how the incorrect data was submitted to the Department of Defense. Our only concern now is that the true facts and figures be used to recompute our ranking among other bases and that our base be removed from the list.



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To Whom It May Concern

I would like you to consider taking Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico off the BRAC list for the following reasons:

1. It would be more cost effective to fly planes to the Melrose Bombing Range from Cannon than from other bases. Reason for this would be the cost of fuel and they would get more bombing training runs in than if they were to fly from another base. They would only get in one or two runs before having to return to their base for fuel.
2. The local community depends on the weather radar at the base for severe weather warnings. If the base were to close we would have to either man the weather radar ourselves or depend on Amarillo, Lubbock or Albuquerque for these warnings.
3. Our retirees for about a 200 mile radius depend on the base for their medical, prescriptions, ID cards and renewing their DEERS documentation.
4. The retirees also come to the base to shop at the base commissary for discount groceries and when they are at the base do other shopping in the community.
5. Last, the base and the community have one of the greatest relationships for military and civilians. It would be a loss to lose this wonderful relationship. Cannon and Clovis have had this relationship for the past 60 years and it grows every year.

Your consideration in taking the above reasons for keeping Cannon open is greatly appreciated.

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