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GENERAL LLOYD W. NEWTON

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SO WOULD YOU PLEASE HELP OUR UNIVERSITY STAY
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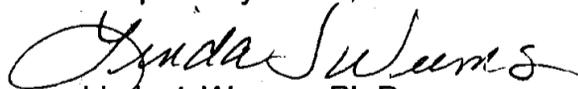
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2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Please feel free to call me if you need further information.

Respectfully Yours,

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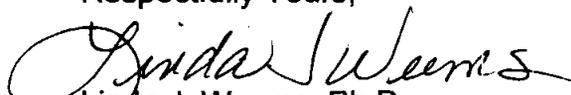
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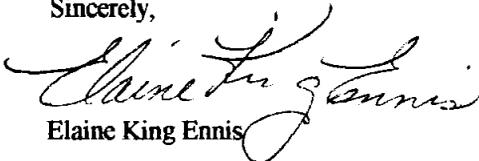
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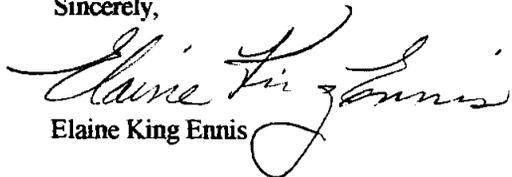
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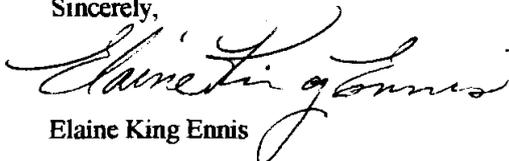
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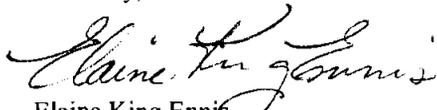
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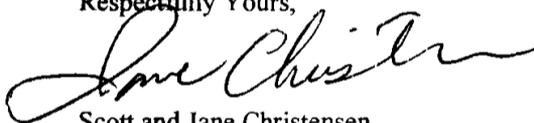
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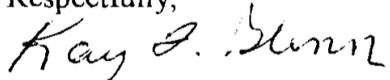
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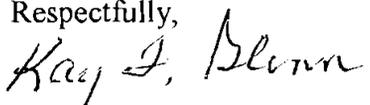
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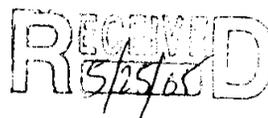
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Respectfully,



Kay F. Glenn



1903 South Avenue I
Apartment E-3
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Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr.
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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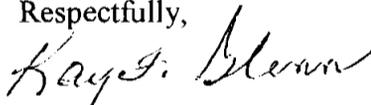
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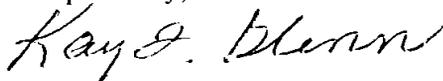
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The Honorable Philip Canale

BRAC Commission

2551 South Clark Street, Suite 600

Arlington, VA 22202



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Cost and employment opportunities from both

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I know of many other retirees and surviving spouses who are in the same circumstances.

Please consider seriously the importance of leaving Cannon open and operating at this as an upgraded level.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jo Nell Brooks

218 Japas Dr.
Portales, N.M.
May 24, 2005

General James I. Hill

BRAC Commission

2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600

Aslington, VA 22202

5/26/05

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shopping at the Cannon Commissary; exchange, gas station, and pharmacy has been very important to me, and I'm not alone in this. I know many military retirees and surviving spouses who are in the same circumstance.

Please seriously consider the importance of leaving Cannon open and operating at the same or an expanded level.

Thank ^{you} for your consideration of this very important matter.

Sincerely
J. Neil Broad

218 Texas Drive
Portales, N.M.
May 24, 2005

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The Honorable Anthony J. Principe
CRAC Commissioner
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Alexandria VA 22302

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Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Dr. Neil Brooks

218 Japas Drive
Portales, NM
May 24, 2005

The Honorable Samuel H. Skinner
BRAC Commissioner
2501 South Clark Street, Suite 601
Arlington, VA 22202



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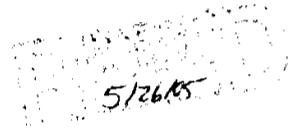
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Sincerely,

Jo Nell Brackin

218 Judas Dr
Portales, NM
2 May 24, 2005

General Lloyd W. McEnton
BRAE Commission
2521 South Creek Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202



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Sincerely,
JoAnn Bracke

218 Japas Drive
Portales, NM
July 24, 2005

The Honorable James V. Hansen
BRAC Commissioner
2521 Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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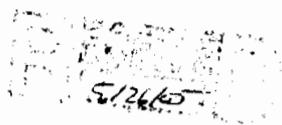
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Sincerely,

De Hill Brock

218 Jeffrey Drive
Portales, NM
May 24, 2005

Brigadier General Lee E. Turner
BRAC Commission
215 21 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Va 22202



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Thank you for your consideration of this very important matter.

Sincerely,

John Bush

218 Taylor Dr
Preston, N.M.
May 24, 1965

The Honorable James H. Bilbray
BRAC Commissioner
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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Sincerely,

Jo Nell Brooks

218 Texas Dr.
Portales, NM
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Arlington, VA 22202

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Linda Long
1011 W. 3rd Street
Portales, NM 88130

May 20, 2005

The Honorable James H. Bilbray
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202



Dear Honorable Bilbray:

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Do you realize the devastation you will bring to our communities if you close down Cannon?

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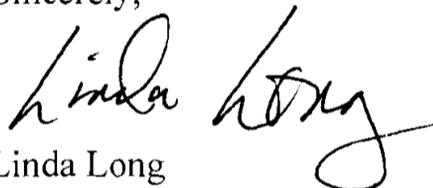
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Our communities have opened its arms and its pocketbooks to help Cannon thrive. They led the effort to expand and convert the airspace to supersonic capability through the New Mexico Training Range Initiative. The community also purchased land west of Cannon and gave it back to the Air Force for the installation of instrument lighting on the alternate runway at the base.

Clovis and Curry County, along with the State of New Mexico, purchased air easements around Cannon and gave them to the Air Force—to protect air space.

II beg you—please don't take our Air Force Base away. It is a major part of our community—and our lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Long". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Linda Long

Linda Long
1011 W. 3rd Street
Portales, NM 88130

May 20, 2005



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Arlington, VA 22202

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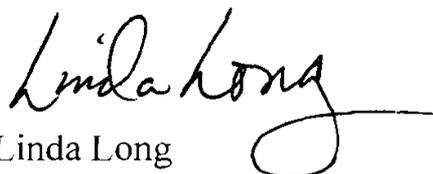
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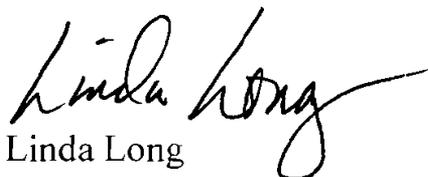
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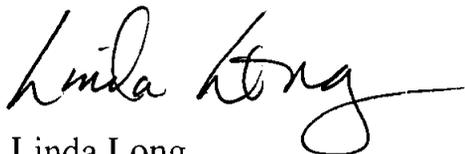
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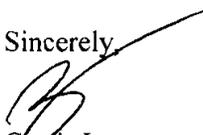
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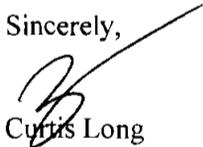
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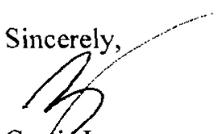
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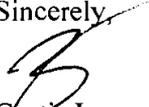
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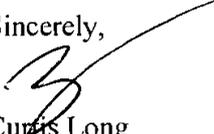
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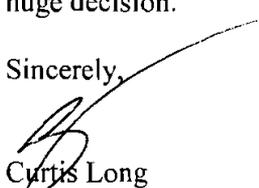
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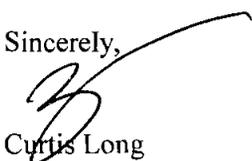
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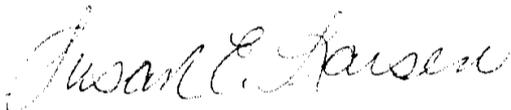
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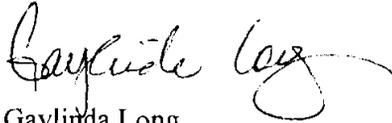
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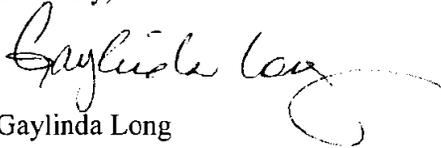
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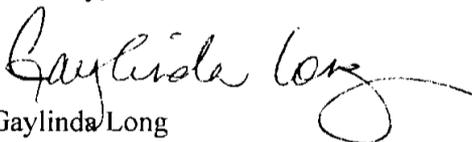
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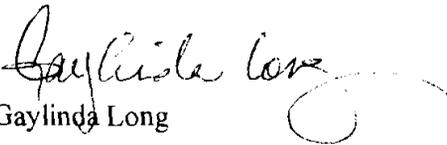
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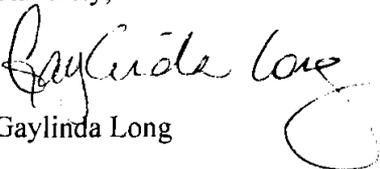
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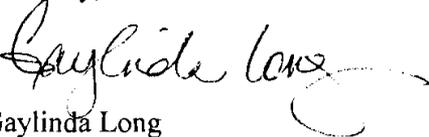
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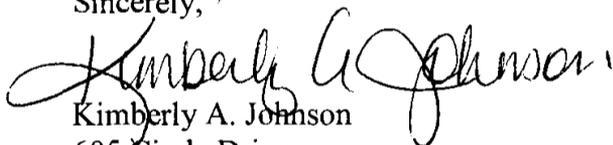
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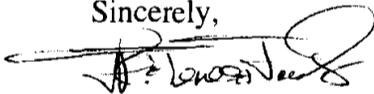
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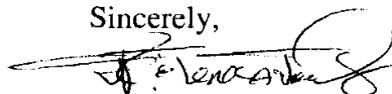
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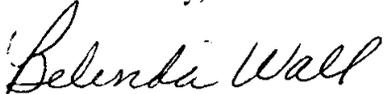
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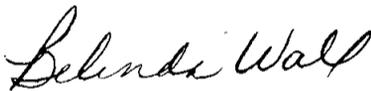
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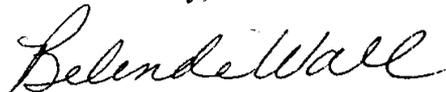
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Sincerely,

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11/25/05

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Susan Pippin
521 Anthony Drive
Clovis, NM 88101

May 22, 2005

RE: OPERATION KEEP CANNON OPEN

Mr. Philip E. Coyle III
BRAC COMMISSION
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Coyle :

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The Honorable James V. Hansen
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark, Suite 600
Arlington, V.A. 22202

May 19, 2005

Honorable James V. Hansen

I would like the BRAC Commission to consider the future of Cannon Air Force Base and other critical installations in the continental United States.

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It is essential that the commission give careful consideration to the fate of Cannon Air Force Base and keep it operating for the sake of national security and regional economic stability. The same consideration should be given to all other installations considered for closing.

Sincerely,

Jesse + Marche Luna

Clovis, New Mexico

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

MAY 19, 2005

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Sincerely

Jessie + Martha Luna

Clovis, New Mexico.

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General James T. Hill
BEAC Commission
521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

May 19, 2005

General Hill:

I would like the BEAC Commission to consider the Future of Cannon Air Force Base and other critical installations on the Continental United States.

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Jesse & Marsha Dean
El Paso, New Mexico

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BRAC Commission
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The Honorable James H. Bilbray
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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May 18, 2005

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Jessie + Martha Luna

Clovis, New Mexico.

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Ginger Creighton

408 E 16th St

Portales NM 88130

Admiral Harold W. Gehman Jr,

Thank you so much for taking the time to reconsider Cannon Air Force Base on the closure list.

Cannon has wonderful facilities and their new Fire Department is unbelievable.

It would be terrible if Cannon had spent all that money for state of the art Fire Dept. and never get to use it.

Cannon is really good for Clavis and Portales' economy. The closing of Cannon might just have a huge impact on the quality of education.

Thank you for trying to keep Cannon Open.

Ginger Creighton

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Ginger Creighton
2108 E 16th St
Portales NM 88130

The Honorable Philip Coyle,

We are very concerned about the BRAC
commission's decision to close Cannon Air
Force Base.

We do not believe the Commission is totally
aware of the unique attributes that Cannon
offers to our national defense. We have an
abundance of air space, a bombing range and
really good year round flying weather. Including
the wind!!

The closing of Cannon Air Force Base will
affect the economy in both Clovis and Portales.
Cannon just built an awesome Fire
Department which would be a huge waste of
money for nothing.

Thank you for considering putting Cannon
in a Safe Zone.

Ginger Creighton

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Ginger Creighton
408 E 16th St
Portales NM 88130

The Honorable James H. Bilbray,

Hi, Thank you for taking the time and consideration
of reading these letters to save Cammer.
We are very concerned about the closing
of Cammer Oil Service Bar.

The Commission needs to be aware of the threats
that Cammer offers to our national defense.
We have an abundance of air space and knowledge
you sound weather, (including wind to
allow for diverse training).

Please consider all the facts before
making your final decision.

Thanks,

Ginger Creighton

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408 E 16th St
Portales NM 88130

General James T. Hill,

I really wish you would reconsider closing
Cannon Air Force Base.

They add so much to our community!
They add to our colleges and university
and add Numbers to our Elementary
schools

Cannon has good air space and a
bombing range. Good weather and
a place to fly at supersonic speeds

Thanks so much for reconsidering
Cannon on your list.

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Please reconsider all the facts before
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Thank you -
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General Lloyd W. Newton,

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Brigadier General Sue E Turner,

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Portales and Cannon area has lots to offer besides the air space, bombing range and fly areas for super sonic speeds. We have super weather!! We have a college and a university for additional training and education.

Our loss of Cannon Air Force Base will really hurt the communities small business. We have so many small

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**BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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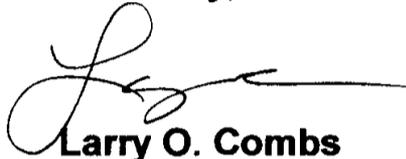
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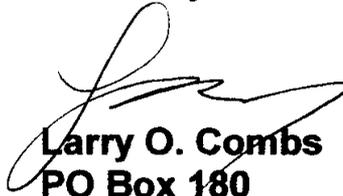
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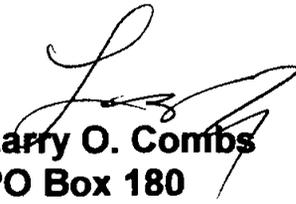
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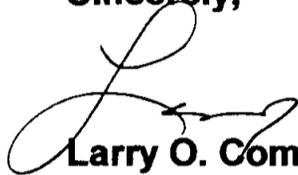
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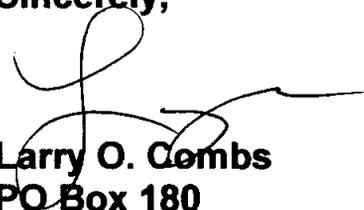
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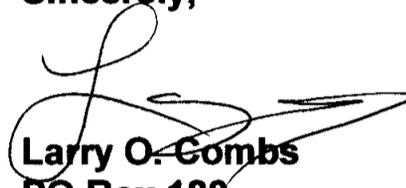
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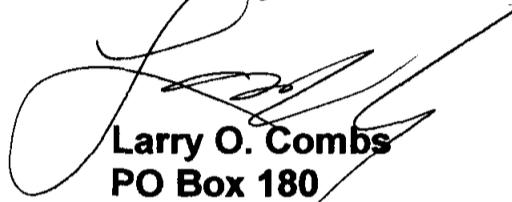
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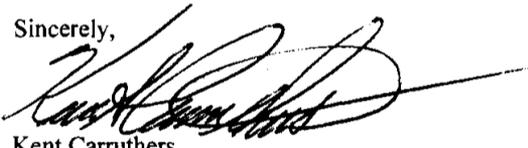
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We hope the BRAC Commission will be greatly impressed when visiting the Clovis/Cannon area next month with the support of the local communities and the growth potential for Cannon Air Force Base. Cannon is a great example of fighting capability for this country and we hope to continue with that proud tradition.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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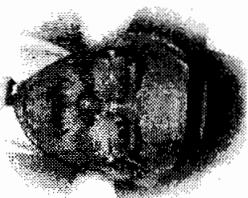
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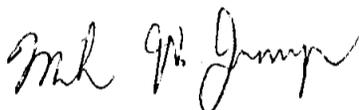
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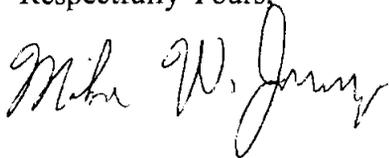
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I wish to communicate my thoughts about the BRAC Commission's recent decision to include Cannon Air Force Base on its list of recommended closures. I really do not believe that the commission fully realizes just how much the Air Force base contributes to our economy and industry here in the Clovis, Portales area. This is not the only reason I am asking you to reconsider your recommendation. Cannon Air Force Base and its current location offer the Air Force a lot of excellent advantages. Here in this part of New Mexico, we have excellent flying weather and an almost unlimited amount of space which allows planes full maneuverability with an excellent bombing range. There is little public resentment towards this use of space and if anything provides an excellent potential to enlarge operations here at Cannon and bring other planes and services here to take advantage of our limited population and excellent weather. I want to let you know that the local community is 100% in favor of keeping the base here and I personally urge the committee to reconsider its decision and take Cannon Air Force Base off the list of facilities designated for closure. Please think about my views on the subject before making your final decision.

Respectfully Yours,



Brenda Wiggins-Gonzales
1704 South Avenue B
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May 20, 2005

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

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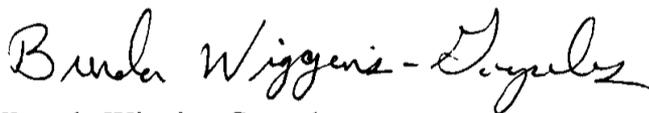
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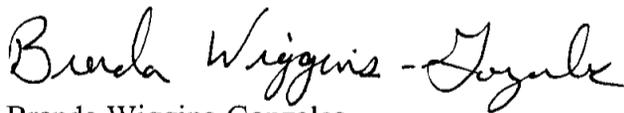
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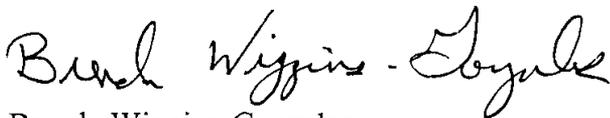
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Dear Mr. Bellamy

This is a letter of support for keeping
Cannon Air Force Base Open. We
Need this vital base and love the
people associated with Cannon.

Please record your decision and
take Cannon off the closure list
Eastern New Mexico and the University
want this base to stay open.

Please recorder your actions

Sincerely,
I

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Dear General Hill

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Please Drop Cannon off the BATH
list & keep it open. We need his
great love and support the men &
Women at Cannon.

Please reconsider your decision &
know everyone in this great state
love the people of Cannon.

Please Reconsider.

Sincerely
Guy Murray

Dear Mr. Hansen

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Please keep Cannon! Keep it in New Mexico and let it grow. We need and support the base and want it to prosper.

Continue New Mexico University and the surrounding area supports this great Base

Please Reconsider & Drop Cannon off the list.

Sincerely

Nary Moseman

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Dear Admiral,

Please take caution of the BATE
closure list. We support Cannon &
love the People

Eastern New Mexico University and the
surrounding area needs and wants this
base to prosper.

Please reconsider Admiral & keep
Cannon in New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Gay Muepener

Dear Mr. Coyle

Please Take Cannon Air Force Base off
the BAAC list for Closure. We at
Eastern New Mexico Community need the
base and love the people associated
with Cannon.

Please take this letter to heart & stop
this process involving Cannon. We
ask you for your help in taking Cannon
off the list.

Thanks for your time & consideration
Sincerely,

Henry Musgrave

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Dear General Newton

Please keep Cannon open and let
it prosper. We love the people
of Cannon and want to see it
stay open.

Please reconsider your decision &
keep the door open. We need it
& want to keep it up and running

Please Reconsider Cannon!

Sincerely
Tony Musgrave

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Dear Mr. Skinner

Please keep Cannon open for
Bernie and off the BRFC
closure list. We love and
support the men & women of Cannon.
and need the base to stay open.

Please reconsider your actions &
keep Cannon open, we need it!

We thank you for your service &
hope you keep Cannon open.

Sincerely,

Loy Musgrave

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Dear General Turner

Please, keep Cannon Air Force Base
Open! We need the base and love
the men & women of Cannon.

Please reconsider your actions and
keep Cannon open. This area
and the university needs Cannon.

Please give it more thought &
keep Cannon open.

Sincerely,

Ray Musgrave

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Michael L. Hoffman, MSgt, USAF (ret.)

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Portales, NM, 88131

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The Honorable James H. Biberow,

I would like to express my concern about the proposed closing of Cannon Air Force Base.

As a retired Air Force veteran, my family, and hundreds of other families rely on Cannon for our medical treatment. I know that this sounds selfish, but here in Portales, there is a lack of those providers that are available. By making all of the veterans and their families use those providers, it will cause an undue hardship and make it even more difficult to get medical care. Many of these providers do not accept new patients, and of those that do, will certainly not accept the high numbers of families that will be "dumped" on them.

I think the commission is not fully aware of the contribution that Cannon makes to the national defense. Cannon is probably one of the most inexpensive Air Force bases to operate in the world, the cost of living in this area is lower than most of the other facilities in the United States. Cannon has an outstanding bombing range just a few miles from the base, and has also great year-round flying weather. It also has supersonic routes nearby.

Closing Cannon will have a bad effect on the economies of Clovis and Portales. We could lose

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