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I work out at Cannon Air Force Base as a Shift Manager at the Cannon Shoppette. I have been there since 1986. My husband is retired air force, and we came to Cannon in 1984. We always felt that Cannon was the place to be. We have watched the changes the growth. We have shared the happy times and the sad times at Cannon.

When there was deployment the community always stood behind Cannon. The donation of land for housing the helpful hand to let Cannon know that they are a part of this community. But more we always knew that Cannon was dedicated to the security of this country.

I know that you will read many letters but I hope you take the time to reread this one. I have been at many bases in the 21 years my first husband and second husband were in the Air Force. I have seen places where I was called a "transit, or Gypsy". I was told that they did not want to hire someone that would only be there a short time. I was in England where the bases are OLD World War II and need to be closed. WHY are we not closing some over seas. I know that we have to have some over seas, but so many are not needed. Why not bring out People home and put them at the bases and posts you want to shut down. Do not

take American jobs away and support foreign countries, many of which don't even want us there.

We have the Singapore Air Force here now. WHY send them to Luke. The community here welcomes them and helps them feel like they are at home. My husband has had may that have come and gone and then came back and they have told him that they have missed the warmth that Clovis has shown them.

We are also a very clean base. Meeting all of the EPA regulations. I should know. I am in charge of the Hazardous Waste program that the Cannon Shoppette.

We have also worked with the Army. When our troops were called up and deployed the Army National Guard came in. We made sure that they were taken care of. Why not bring more Army in to Clovis and have a shard Base and Post?

Next our flying space do not compete with large air ports. Our weather is so good that we can train and fly 360 days out of the year. Our bombing range is out away from the city. If there were to be a mistake, the only thing that we would kill might be a coyote. But our pilots are so good that even the coyote is safe.

What is your thinking? This base is so important to the security of the Nation I just don't understand your thinking at all.