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*Mary Ferguson*  
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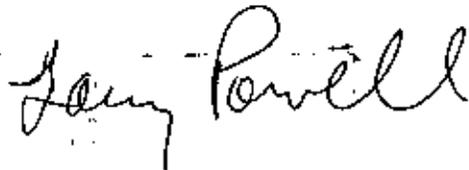
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March 23, 2005

Erin Holland  
409 Chanticleer  
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Lloyd Newton,

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Cannon Air Force Base has a definite value to the security of the United States and the evidence is shown by Cannon's fighter planes in Iraq. Cannon also had fighters in Desert Storm. Cannon's support to the security of our nation is important.

Please consider the unique attributes that Cannon offers for the defense of our nation. Cannon has no encroachments, almost unlimited airspace, the adjacent Melrose bombing range, year-round flying days and nights and the airspace to fly supersonic speeds.

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The closer of Cannon Air Force Base will have a devastating impact on our community. I understand that about 20% of our workforce will be lost. Clovis, with a population of only 34,000, cannot withstand this impact. Our public schools will loose approximately 1,200 students which will equate to loss of jobs for teachers. Our higher education systems will also be greatly impacted. The impact of the loss of Cannon could be insurmountable for our local economy.

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The weather in Eastern New Mexico provides a year round training ability with the exception of a few windy days; this in turn is ideal for perfect flying weather.

If Cannon goes so does the support from the area citizens for the bombing range and the supersonic flying in this area.

Clovis has had growth for the first time in decades we will go back 20, 30, or even 50 years.

If Cannon closes we will loose \$200 million, which means outside money coming into the Cannon area.

WE strongly urge you to reconsider your decision and "Keep Cannon".

Sincerely,

*Ronald Dickson*

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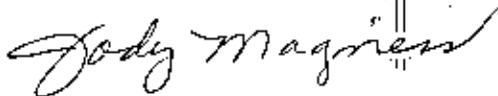
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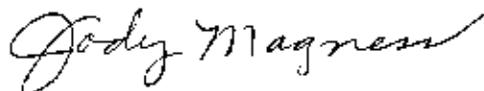
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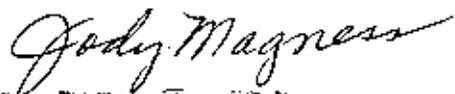
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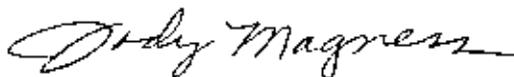
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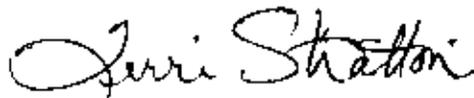
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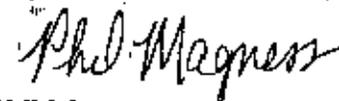
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am extremely concerned about the Department of Defense's inclusion of Cannon Air Force Base on the BRAC list.

I am not directly connected to Cannon Air Force Base, except for the fact that I am a citizen of Clovis, New Mexico. I am not a native of Eastern New Mexico, but I have lived and worked in the region for almost four years now. In that short period of time, I have seen the significant impact that Cannon has on Eastern New Mexico. I am an Academic Advisor at Clovis Community College, and much of the students I assist are either active-duty military or military dependents stationed at Cannon. My biggest concern, from my perspective, is that a Base closure would mean a significant drop in student enrollment at Clovis Community College. This, of course, is only a part of the impact that Cannon has on the region's economy. I have been informed that if Cannon does indeed close, the area will lose at least an estimated 20 percent of its workforce.

The local community is very involved in Cannon Air Force Base, not only donating time and land to the base's needs, but also welcoming the personnel and veterans to the community and providing them a home here. For myself, though I am not connected to the base, as an outsider moving here, I felt very welcomed moving to the area and found the friendliness of the area to be unparalleled. In short, Cannon personnel and retirees seem to be as much part of the community as its natives.

From my understanding about Cannon Air Force Base, although a limited understanding, is that it offers many unique contributions 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.

In conclusion, Cannon Air Force Base is a vital contributor not only to the economy and livelihood of Eastern New Mexico, but also to our national defense. Please keep Cannon open to ensure that both of these elements continue to grow.

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Ever since I can remember, I have seen and felt very safe as the planes of Cannon Air Force Base have guarded the skies above my hometown of Clovis, New Mexico. Growing up here, we all know that it would not take much for terrorists or other insurgents to run the border. Our land is so vast and wide-open that it is impossible to protect it 24 hours a day. We have seen this through drug runners and the "Coyotes" who smuggle individuals across the border. This is why I am dismayed that the government has decided to close Cannon Air Force Base.

Cannon offers much potential to our country that, in my opinion, has been overlooked by the Department of Defense. Right now the base offers: 1) unencroached air space suitable for training jets at supersonic speeds; 2) several new and existing facilities useful for joint training exercises; 3) a low-cost environment that promotes cost-efficient training; 4) a community that understands and welcomes air force men, women and their families; and 5) Cannon offers retirees and their families the comfort and security of needed services. If Cannon were to grow I think it could in turn be one of our benchmark air installations of the future.

As a community, we are all behind the men and women who form the core of the base. We want them all to feel a part of our community. We take the extra step to make them feel safe and welcome. Many of them decide to stay and retire here or just raise their families. They become a part of us whether it is for a short time or the rest of their lives.

If Cannon closes, it would be a hard hit to our community. I think about my neighborhood and I count five families in my block alone that would have to move. These are just active duty personnel; I have not counted the retirees or civil service workers. The impact to our community would be felt everywhere. Cannon Air Force Base is critical to us.

I respectfully urge all of you on the BRAC Commission to realize and look into the possibilities of what Cannon Air Force Base could be. Remember all the dreamers from the Wright brothers to all the others who have dared to take that leap into America's future. Cannon is vital to us now please reconsider and KEEP CANNON OPEN!

Sincerely,

Christy Mendoza  
Cultural Arts Director  
Clovis Community College

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Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
 Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
 2521 South Clark Street  
 Suite 600  
 Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I was upset by the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard base. This recommendation is not in the nation's best interest and the BRAC Commission should reverse this decision and remove them from the closure list.

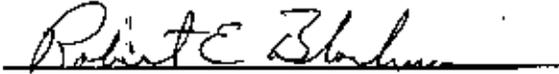
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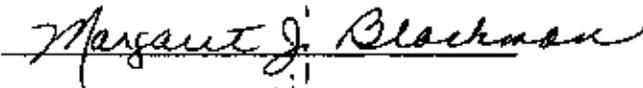
Also, even the newspapers say that we are facing significant challenges in recruiting during war time. As the only remaining major military installation in Western New York, Niagara Falls has been key to military recruitment.

The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make the Pentagon's efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult than it is now.

All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

  
 (A concerned Citizen)



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Dear Philip Coyle,

This is my input concerning your decision to close Cannon AFB in Clovis, NM. Here are a couple of reasons we have to offer to keep Cannon open as well as the major impact it would have on the surrounding community.

The weather in Eastern New Mexico provides a year round training ability with the exception of a few windy days; this in turn is ideal for perfect flying weather.

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Clovis has had growth for the first time in decades we will go back 20, 30, or even 50 years.

If Cannon closes we will loose \$200 million, which means outside money coming into the Cannon area.

WE strongly urge you to reconsider your decision and "Keep Cannon".

Sincerely,

*Ronald Dickson*

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P.O. Box 784  
219 W. 2nd St.  
Portales, New Mexico 88130

June 16, 2005

To the BRAC Commission,

I want to request that you vote to keep Cannon Air Force Base.

Cannon does not fit the criteria provided for base closure.

Once the NM Training Range Initiative is implemented, Cannon will be able to offer pilots the ability to fly supersonic during training missions.

The weather in eastern NM provides year-around training. Also, Cannon has ample space/ramp space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations. The air space and weather make Cannon the perfect candidate to support future training mission for the F-22, Joint Strike Fighter, and other military aircraft.

Our economy relies on Cannon more than any other area in the country. Cannon closing would have a great negative impact on the economy of Clovis, Portales, Melrose and West Texas towns.

Thank you for recommending keeping Cannon.

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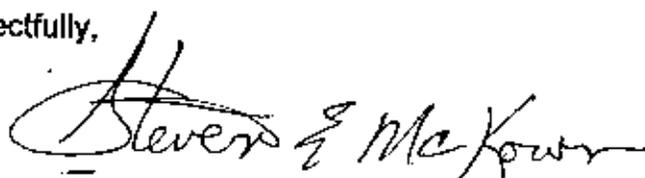
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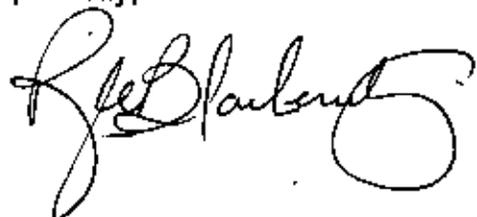
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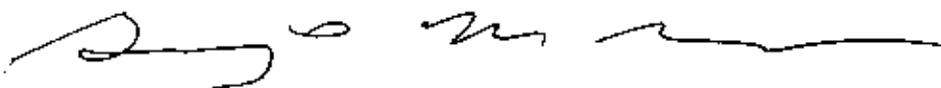
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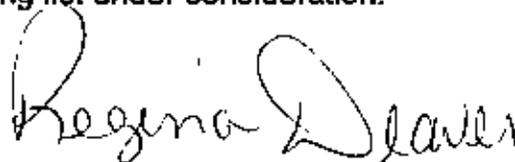
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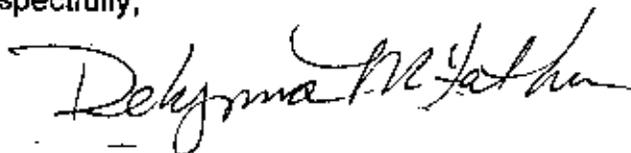
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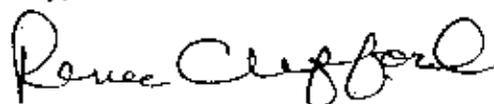
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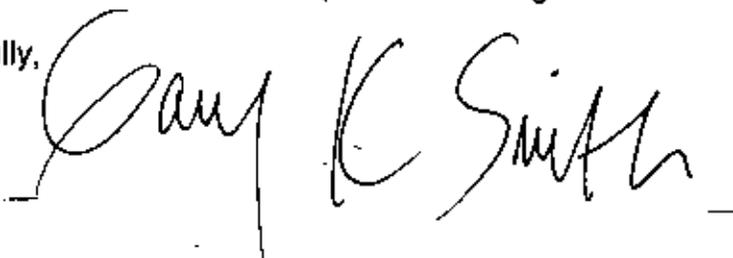
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Respectfully, *Karon Moody,*

*I absolutely can't afford all of my health care and my medicines, I must have Raily. I have quite serious asthma. During various times of the year (also inhalers are expensive. I have some prescriptions filled I pay for. But when I can't afford. A round trip for me is 4 to 5 hrs of driving. Please help all of us in this area. Thank you Karon Moody*

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March 23, 2005

Erin Holland  
409 Chanticleer  
Clovis, NM 88101

James T. Hill,

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

Cannon Air Force Base has a definite value to the security of the United States and the evidence is shown by Cannon's fighter planes in Iraq. Cannon also had fighters in Desert Storm. Cannon's support to the security of our nation is important.

Please consider the unique attributes that Cannon offers for the defense of our nation. Cannon has no encroachments, almost unlimited airspace, the adjacent Melrose bombing range, year-round flying days and nights and the airspace to fly supersonic speeds.

Cannon has been apart of the our local communities for over 50 years. Clovis and Portales have embraced Cannon's personal as if they all were born and raised in here. Both communities are extremely fortunate to have retired military that have chosen this area for retirement. Some have even retired at other bases but come back to this area for retirement.

The closer of Cannon Air Force Base will have a devastating impact on our community. I understand that about 20% of our workforce will be lost. Clovis, with a population of only 34,000, cannot withstand this impact. Our public schools will loose approximately 1,200 students which will equate to loss of jobs for teachers. Our higher education systems will also be greatly impacted. The impact of the loss of Cannon could be insurmountable for our local economy.

Please reconsider all the facts and attributes of Cannon Air Force Base before making your final decision. Our future is in your hands.

Respectfully Yours,

*Erin Holland*

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June 16, 2005

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To the BRAC Commission,

I want to request that you vote to keep Cannon Air Force Base.

Cannon does not fit the criteria provided for base closure.

Once the NM Training Range Initiative is implemented, Cannon will be able to offer pilots the ability to fly supersonic during training missions.

The weather in eastern NM provides year-around training. Also, Cannon has ample space/ramp space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations. The air space and weather make Cannon the perfect candidate to support future training mission for the F-22, Joint Strike Fighter, and other military aircraft.

Our economy relies on Cannon more than any other area in the country. Cannon closing would have a great negative impact on the economy of Clovis, Portales, Melrose and West Texas towns.

Thank you for recommending keeping Cannon.

Sincerely,

*Sherri Justus*

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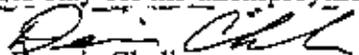
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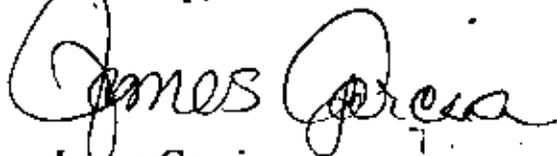
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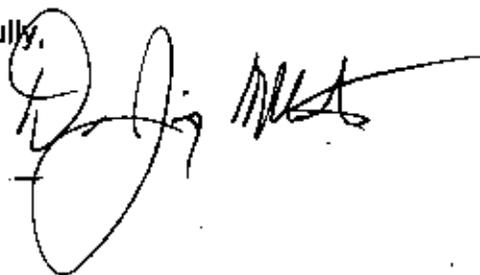
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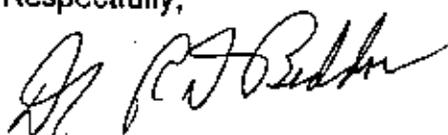
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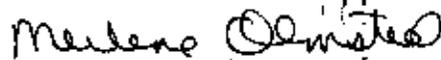
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