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Dear Honorable Anthony J. Principi - Member of the BRAC Commission,

I would like to voice my opinion on keeping Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico open. I would like to point out a few important points about Cannon:

1. Melrose Bombing Range is only 40 miles to the west for a jet to reach for bombing practice, this saves a tremendous amount of fuel, which is costly to taxpayers. 2. We have approximately 335 days of sunshine. 3. We have a great amount of airspace for super sonic jets to fly. 4. We have ample land around Cannon for expansion to include 50 more airplanes and 2,500 more troops. 5. We have one of the finest school systems in the state of New Mexico. 6. Families that live here are safe and treated like our own families. 7. Cannon has received many awards including the Installation Excellence Award in 2005.

In closing, it would be a shame to close Cannon AFB. It is a huge part of Clovis and we are the "Best" location for an air force base to be located. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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