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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman  
BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
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Dear Sir,

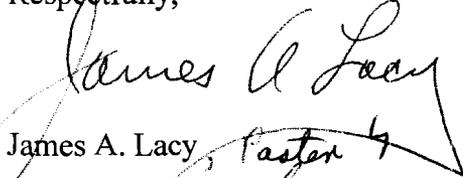
Our church, while not in the immediate vicinity of Cannon AFB, is one of hundreds that will be affected by the closure of Cannon. Why? Because many of our members are retired military that rely on Cannon for their pharmacy, health care, grocery and military needs. Cannon is the only base that can service those who have given of themselves in service to our great country.

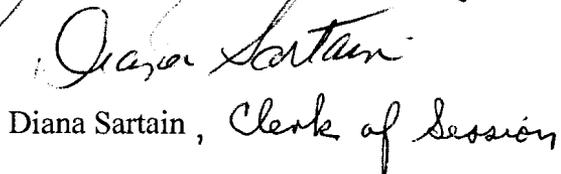
We know that you can't keep a base open just to serve retirees.

We also know that Cannon AFB has many qualities that were not looked at by the DOD. There are few bases in this country that have the unencumbered flying space that Cannon has at its disposal. The relationship that Cannon has with its surrounding communities is legendary throughout the military, and we are not just talking about Clovis and Portales, but also our city of Hobbs, New Mexico.

We ask that you and your fellow commissioners please consider all the facts before making your final list.

Respectfully,

  
James A. Lacy, Pastor

  
Diana Sartain, Clerk of Session