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Dear Commission Members

As a 25-year veteran of the Air Force, a 10-year Civil Service employee and a permanent resident of Clovis I obviously have a vested interest in keeping Cannon AFB open but I believe the decision to close Cannon AFB in Clovis, NM is not in the best interest of the USAF. Cannon has no encroachment problems, excellent flying weather, is about to expand the supersonic air space, and has a community that truly loves its military members. I also do not believe the economic impact has been accurately calculated. I believe that due to a loss of students schools will close which will cause teachers to be terminated. Numerous small businesses will close and many other employment areas will be or have already been severely impacted by the projected closure. Construction has already begun to slow down and new home purchases will be or have been cancelled, financial institutions will lose depositors, which will cost jobs. The bottom line is for each job lost on the base, both civilian and military, there will be a severe decrease in revenue in town. Large towns can absorb these types of losses but small towns will have problems. The city may survive, but it could be years before life returns to normal if at all. In that time, many older Americans will suffer due to loss of jobs and income and the inability to be retrained or hired for another job. Small towns have trouble attracting medical professionals and Clovis is no exception. If the base closes the many retired people in town will have trouble finding medical care.

These are just several of the hardships the people of Clovis face if Cannon AFB is closed. Your assistance in this fight is vitally important.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey Greene". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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