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Honorable James V. Hansen,

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

I do not believe the Commission is fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense, including:

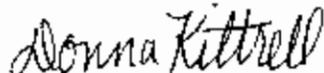
- Abundance of air space
- No encroachment issues
- A bombing range that is only seconds from base
- Airspace to fly at supersonic speeds
- Ideal year-round flying weather

Cannon has been supported over the last 50 years by the local communities like no other in the country. We consider Cannon a part of our family and an asset to our nation as a whole.

The closure of Cannon would also have a devastating impact on our economy. It has been estimated that the area will lose at least 20 percent of its workforce, plus the ripple effect on our public and higher education systems.

Please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision.

Respectfully yours,



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