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Mr. Anthony J Principi
Chairman BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark St, Suite 600
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Dear Mr. Principi:

You are going to receive thousands of letters detailing the military reasons that Cannon AFB should be retained and even expanded. I would like to give you my view on the economic outlook for Clovis, NM and the surrounding area.

It is estimated that we would lose 20.5% of the jobs in our area. I contend that it would be closer to twice that amount. My firm does accounting and tax work for approximately 650 clients. Most of these are small businesses. In visiting with several dozen of these clients and in doing my own limited projections, I feel job losses would be in the 35% to 40% range.

The deluge of profit shortfalls that will occur will cause a relatively high percentage of total business failures. Almost every business in town will see a significant reduction in workforce. Our schools, college, county and city will see very large revenue reductions. To close an operation the size of Cannon AFB in a city with the population of 34,000 – 36,000 will be catastrophic.

I understand that the economic impart of the base closure is only one factor for you to look at, but please study that data seriously when it is provided to you.

Thank you,

Mark L McKay