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BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark St.
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Arlington, VA 22202

Re: Potential Closure of Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, New Mexico

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing as a member of the Clovis community, to express my concern over the appearance of Cannon on the base closure list.

I was born and raised in Clovis. My paternal grandfather was in the Air Force stationed at Cannon; that is how my mother met my father. Growing up, most of my friends were military dependents. After high school graduation, I went to college in order to pursue my chosen career path. I stayed in eastern New Mexico, studying at local colleges, until I was accepted to law school in Ohio. I went, and, after an absence of nearly five years, I returned to the Clovis area last fall.

I now have my own small (but growing) law practice in downtown Clovis. A significant part of my clientele is comprised of military members stationed at Cannon. I am happy and proud to serve them as they so faithfully serve us. It is my desire to continue serving the legal needs of our military members for a long time to come. As a single mother, my livelihood and that of my children depends on my ability to maintain an active client base; the closure of Cannon could impede my ability to do so.

There are countless other stories similar to mine. Cannon is so very deeply ingrained into the surrounding communities. These communities have done and will continue to do all they can to maintain the strong relationship that has developed with Cannon over the years. Cannon Air Force Base is truly a large part of our identity.

There are many examples of the mutual affection and consideration between military members and civilians in this area. On at least two occasions, our local communities have donated land to Cannon for its various needs. Furthermore, military members have never hesitated to give back to these communities. They volunteer for

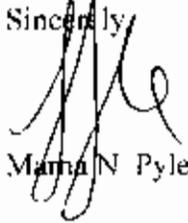
programs such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate) Program, and Meals on Wheels. They participate in local food, clothing, and toy drives for needy families. Cannon members are our little league coaches and our boy scout leaders; they are part of our very hearts and souls.

Most importantly, Cannon is a vital part of this country's defense system. Our location provides pilots with abundant air space free from encroachments, and a future potential for the ability to fly at supersonic speeds. The bombing range is very near to the base, and allows pilots to spend more time training and less time traveling. Finally, the weather in eastern New Mexico is temperate year-round, thus providing Cannon members the ability to train year-round, with very few inclement weather restrictions.

In short, please reconsider the placement of Cannon on the base closure list. Cannon is too vital to both the local communities and the United States government.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



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