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Admiral Harold W. Gehman Jr.,

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. These include an abundance of air space, a bombing range that is only seconds away, the airspace to fly at supersonic speeds, and ideal year-round flying weather, among many others.

In addition to the military value to the nation, Cannon has been supported over the last 50 years by the local communities like no other in the country. I have lived in this area for forty years, and as a community, we have always considered Cannon a part of our family. The closure of Cannon will 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 that we will have on our public and higher education systems.

Please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision.

Respectfully,

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