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Dear BRAC Commission,

Please keep Cannon Air Force Base open. We feel so safe with having it near our area in Tucumcari, N.M. Cannon does not fit the criteria provided for base closure. Our retired military families use the Cannon facilities and their doctors frequently. We are only 80 miles from Cannon and if you close the base our retired military people will have to travel to Albuquerque, which 280 miles one way.

Once the New Mexico Training Range Initiative is implemented, we will be able to offer pilots the ability to fly supersonic during training missions. This is a very important point, as it allows the Air Force to better train for real life situations.

The weather in Eastern New Mexico provides year round training ability.

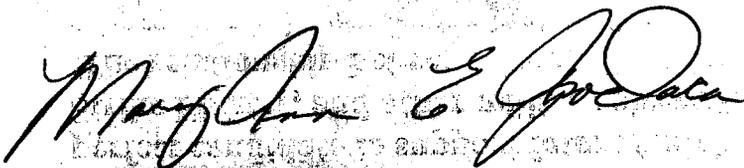
The availability of air space and ideal flying weather makes Cannon the perfect candidate to support future training missions for the F-22, Joint Strike Fighter, and other military aircraft.

The relationship between Clovis, Portales, Tucumcari, West Texas, and others, is unlike any other installation in the country.

My son was stationed at Cannon and that was so good, because I did not travel far to go see him. He and his family go there for their grocery, doctors and what ever they need. We will be lost if you close the base and it would also have a great financial impact on Clovis and surrounding communities.

Please I ask you not to close our base, please reconsider that decision.

Sincerely,



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Mary Ann E. Apodaca 05-25-05