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BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear BRAC Commissioners:

As I sit at my computer composing this very important letter, I am reminded of the importance of Cannon Air Force Base as I hear the sound of fighter jets flying through the open air here. You can see for miles in New Mexico, which is wonderful.

The state of New Mexico and the communities of Clovis, Portales, Melrose, Floyd and many other towns have been very supportive of Cannon by purchasing land and giving it to the air force base to be used for expansion of the base and for base housing. There is an enormous amount of air space available, plenty of room for service people, their families, vehicles and their hobbies. We are not crowded as most bases are in the larger cities where they are located.

The Clovis and Portales area offers all the services of large cities without the crime, crowding and traffic problems associated with those large cities. This area offers great public schools, two well-established Christian schools, Eastern New Mexico University and Clovis Community College for furthering education among the residents and the airmen and their families.

Clovis and Portales have welcomed and taken in Cannon Air Force Base and the base personnel as no other community I know of. We have had very little problem with the base or any of the airmen stationed here as moral is very high here.

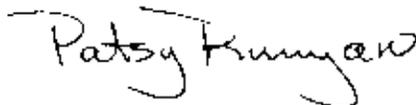
I believe to keep Cannon Air Force Base open would be such an advantage to these United States of America because of the high moral issues here. This part of the United States is very family orientated, striving to keep children living with their parents without divorce is very important as well as protecting children and adults from drug abuse.

The weather here is wonderful and there is no shortage of open space allowing for all outside activities such as riding horses, all sports activities and spending time with families outside. I have always believed that giving people plenty of outside room and fresh air will bring out the best in them.

Some military bases are so closed in and actually have become imbedded inside city limits that it prevents further growth as well as needed security. This is certainly not the case with Cannon Air Force Base. This is a military base that stands ready to grow and become one of the finest specialized bases in this country. I believe Cannon can be looked to for training excellent young men and women in their field of expertise. We in this area, are totally convenienced that Cannon Air Force Base stands out in its field as one of the best and we are very proud of Cannon Air Force Base and all its accomplishments.

I am therefore requesting for the good of the country, that you take another look at the importance of keeping Cannon Air Force Base as a very important active training facility. During this time of wars and rumors of wars it is important that the United States of America remains number one in defense protection for us as well as other countries.

For the good of this country,



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