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BRAC Commission,

You will receive many letters telling you of the positive reasons to keep Cannon Air Force Base (excellent flying weather, abundance air space, the relationship between CAFB and surrounding communities). I know the F-16 plane is not going to last forever, but there are more reasons to keep CAFB than just the plane. You should view all reasoning presented to you to see of other ways this base could be an asset to you in the long-term future. Military personel sign on the dotted line and you determine the course of their everyday life. Many citizens of Clovis and the surrounding area may not have agreed to serve their country in this manner, but the decisions of the BRAC commission will affect their everyday life in a way beyond words. You will transfer the military out of here with their jobs still intact, roofs over their heads, food on their tables. The changes in their future will be geographic. A percentage of the civilians left behind will have to make life changes in order

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just to survive. NO, this is not extreme as New Mexico is one of the poorest states in the United States. Not only will we lose military families we have made our own but households will be torn apart because families have to go where they can financial support their own. Clovis has supported Cannon Air Force Base for almost 50 years (my lifetime). We just didn't come out of the woodwork in the time the BRAC Commission was formed. That should let you see the support and commitment of Clovis, NM and the surrounding area. Please consider all of the positives in this situation and look to the future benefits Cannon Air Force Base has to offer. My husband and I were born in Clovis lived here all of our lives. We know the full impact of Cannon Closing.

Rethink - Operation - Keep Cannon

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