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BRAC Commission  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to you regarding the closing of Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico. I strongly urge you to reconsider your decision to close this particular base.

Cannon Air Force Base does not meet the Department of Defense's criteria for base closure and realignment. Its military value far outweighs any decision to close it.

- Cannon has ample space/ramp space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations
- The availability of air space and ideal flying weather makes Cannon Air Force Base the perfect candidate to support future training missions for the F-22 Joint Strike Fighter, and other military aircraft
- Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war-fighting, training, and readiness as evidenced by a recent joint training effort between Cannon Air Force Base and the US Navy.

Not only is Cannon Air Force Base a qualified base, it has strong ties to the community over the last 50 years. The community has reached out and supported the base like no other community over the last years.

- In the early 1990's, Curry County, in conjunction with the state of New Mexico, purchased air easements around Cannon Air Force Base and gave them to the Air Force to protect that air space from encroachment.
- The local Clovis community purchased the land north of Cannon Air Force Base and gave it to the Air Force for additional housing, now known as the Chavez Manor.

Please consider all possible avenues before closing Cannon Air Force Base. The support of the community and the possibilities for the base are endless. The impact of closing this base would be felt in Eastern New Mexico for years to come.

Sincerely,

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