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BRAC Commission  
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Re: Cannon AFB

Dear BRAC Commission,

I, like many others, am concerned about the impact that the possible closing of Cannon will do to our community, our retirees (both military and civilian) and the stifling of our economic growth. We were finally moving forward economically with new businesses, our property values had increased and were ready for a new cultural center. We are a spiritual community.....A community with a heart. In the months to come you will come to realize how we do stick together and help one another. Unfortunately the closing will effect not only a few, but all. It won't just effect our community, but all of New Mexico and West Texas. The base and Clovis do not just co-exist like in most base towns, but are a combined group of people working and living together. My father retired here after serving 28 years in the military, because of the base, the weather and the people. I came here from Chicago because he introduced me to the area and I loved it.

Being from Champaign, IL. and watching Rantoul, IL deteriorate after Chanute's closing I am concerned about our town and the surrounding areas.

I could give you statistics of things I've read and know nothing about like: Cannon has ample space/ramp space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, or the weather in Eastern New Mexico provides year round training ability. I'll leave that information to the experts and just tell you that the human aspect is going to be seriously effected and we are all frightened at what this is going to do to our town.

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Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this and hope that you will reconsider closing Cannon Air Force Base.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rose Ann Luna". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

Rose Ann Luna

Cc: Gov. Bill Richardson  
Sen. Pete Dominici  
Sen. Jeff Bingaman  
Rep. Tom Udall  
Rep. Heather Wilson  
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