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BRAC Commission
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Dear Commissioners,

We felt the need to write to you concerning the Pentagons BRAC announcement to close Cannon AFB in Clovis, New Mexico. We have been associated with DoD in one way or another over the past 38 years, but we're writing this as two concerned citizens of Clovis, New Mexico. We will keep this short and only hit on a couple points, since I know you are inundated with mail from other citizens like us.

We don't believe the Pentagon took everything into consideration when placing Cannon AFB on the BRAC list for closure. We also don't feel the Pentagon followed its own criteria when identifying Cannon closure. If you look at the history of Cannon and the surrounding Clovis area the military value should be very clear especially with the Melrose Bombing, which is just seconds away from Cannon AFB. When we look at all open air space here at Cannon with no restrictions and compare it to bases like Luke AFB with restrictions, then we wonder what were the true criteria used to determine military value.

Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war fighting training and readiness as was evidenced by the joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy. The availability of air space and ideal flying weather make Cannon the perfect candidate to support future training missions for the F-22 Joint Strike Fighter and other military aircraft.

Thanks for taking the time to read this letter and we know that you will do the right thing by taking Cannon AFB off the closure list.

Sincerely, Two Concerned Citizens of Clovis NM


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