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Gentlemen:

We are writing in regard to the decision you are going to make about Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico.

We ask you to please make your decision with thought and careful consideration. Please consider all the facts with logic and common sense.

We would like to make the following points as we see them

1. The Melrose bombing range is very close to the base. Isn't this handy as well as cost efficient?
2. Free and clear air space for all kinds of military aircraft.
3. Wonderful community support for the military families at Cannon.
4. Educational benefits; i.e. Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, NM. Clovis Community College in Clovis. Wayland Baptist University in Clovis and on base.

5. The economic impact from the civilian jobs lost. The cheese plant under construction is bringing in trained personel from other areas and will employ approx 300 persons. We understand the base has 900 civilian jobs.

6. We have been providing medical and hospitalization benefits for Cannon. The medical community is expanding their facilities to provide even better care with more services.

We don't claim to know all the in's and outs or all the pertinent facts for your consideration. We are ordinary people with concerns for our community and our country.

We feel the logical course of action would be to keep Cannon Air Force Base open and working to keep our country safe.

Larry A. Method
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