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James H. Bilbray
BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

RE: Cannon Air Force Base scheduled closure

Dear Mr. Bilbray:

I am writing as a concerned citizen of Clovis, New Mexico. As far back as I can remember (50+ yrs) Cannon Air Force Base has been in Clovis. I grew up in Tucumcari, NM and many friends are retired military who go to Cannon frequently. I recently transferred to Clovis with Wells Fargo Bank. I see first hand the impact that Cannon has on this and surrounding communities. My youngest son is in the Air Force and is in the process of cross-training. His desire is to transfer to Cannon and complete his 20 years of service here. He wants to buy a home and retire in Clovis.

I could cite many reasons that Cannon should not be on the closure list, but I want to appeal to you as a citizen and a mother. Many people I work with, go to church with, friends and family would be greatly impacted by this closure. Without the base, many military retirees would have to travel over 200 miles to access base facilities. Please help us to keep Cannon Air Force Base open.

Sincerely,

Lois Bowman