

BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Va., 22202



Dear BRAC Commission,

Today I am writing you as a concerned citizen of a community (Clovis/Cannon AFB) who has made the list for a base closure. This would prove to be a significant "financial hardship" for our community if Cannon AFB were closed.

I am hopeful that Cannon made the list due to a "grave error." Perhaps, not all the facts were actually considered. I have always "felt safe" living in this part of our country knowing that we have military personnel here ready to serve and protect at a moments notice. I believe we need Cannon for our National/Homeland Security; especially since the Los Alamos Lab is located in New Mexico.

Following are reasons I believe Cannon should remain open and fully operational:

1. Cannon does not fit the criteria provided for base closure. (as I have understood the published criteria)
2. Cannon has an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues. (we have NO air space problems)
3. Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon. This allows pilots to get airborne, and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, have one pass over, then returning to the base.
4. Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war-fighting, training, and readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy.
5. Cannon has ample space/ramp space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations. (ours is community with the capacity to accommodate expansion of additional personnel and development of our Armed Forces)

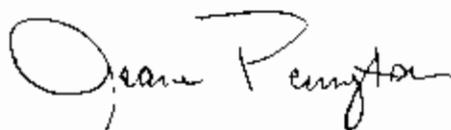
6. The availability of air space and ideal flying weather makes Cannon the perfect candidate to support future training missions for the F-22, Joint Strike Fighter, and other military aircraft.

7. Cannon has won countless awards, both on ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels, and national and STATE levels.

This community has always been more than cooperative and supportive of the military's presence in Clovis, NM.

As a taxpayer and concerned citizen I truly hope my voice will be considered in the final decision of Cannon AFB future or demise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanne Pennington". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "P".

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