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To the honorable men this matter may concern,

My father, Pat Bishop works at Cannon Air Force Base as a Civil Engineer. He is the head of the Self Help Store. He has six more years until he can retire. There are five children in our family and my father is the primary caregiver. If he retires early he will take a major pay cut in his retirement. He does not want to transfer to another base because he would have to uproot our family and my brother is about to graduate in a couple of years. The base closing would not only affect my family but thousands in the surrounding areas. Everyone would be affected by the base closure. I know that this is not a formal letter, but it is a letter from the heart. Please put into consideration the options of letting our base, Cannon Air Force Base remain open. The families and citizens of Clovis and Portales would greatly appreciate it. Our thoughts and prayers are with Cannon and all the families involved.

Sincerely,

Kristy Bishop Ingram