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May 20th, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 Clark St.
Arlington, VA
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RE: Cannon Air Force Base

To Whom It May Concern;

We are writing in reference to Cannon Air Force Base, located near Clovis, New Mexico. We were saddened and very surprised that Cannon was on the list to be closed. It is inconceivable that Kirkland would be kept and expanded while Cannon would be closed as that part of New Mexico is the ideal location for a base, the airspace, the bombing range and weather conditions that permit training almost any day of the year. It will indeed be a very sad day for Clovis, Portales and surrounding area should this come to pass.

Cannon is the pride of Clovis. The citizens are proud of their military personnel; they welcome and support them. We know this first hand. Our son joined the Air Force in 1975 and after basic, was stationed at Cannon. Being a 19 year old and the first time away from home, he was lonely and a little frightened. After a short time, he attended one of the local churches in Clovis and on the first visit, he was welcomed warmly and invited to the home of one of the members to have dinner with the family. During the next three years, he was invited to many other homes to share a meal and fellowship. After his four year enlistment was up, he decided to make Clovis his home and lives there to this day. We visit there often and we are impressed with the people of Clovis. We always attempt to attend the appreciation days held on the base and thoroughly enjoy the air shows.

Please reconsider; not only for the good of Clovis and surrounding area but for the good of the young men and women serving in the military who will be away from home and family for a few years and will be temporarily making Clovis their home.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Alvin & Catherine Danner

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