

2005 Brac Commission
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I am writing in strong opposition of the announcement to close Cannon Air Force Base (AFB), in Clovis , New Mexico.

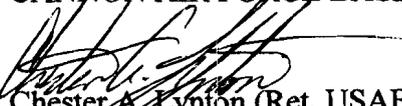
I very strongly urge and request our political leaders , and our 2005 Brac Commission, to review and study the following finding. Looking at the map of this area, we are again been targeted with another base closure; Cannon AFB, NM., which is the only remaining active duty military base, in the entire "WESTERN TEXAS" and "EASTER NEW MEXICO" area.

In previous years, this very same area have lost its bases due to closure: Roswell, NM; Amarillo, TX; and Lubbock, TX. With the loss of Cannon AFB, NM., our closes military installation is Albuquerque, NM with a round trip driving distance of some 467 miles round trip, about 7 1/2 to 8 hours of driving, and in many cases a much greater distance from other parts of New Mexico and Texas.

We have a very high number of retired , disabled and annuitants recipients from Clovis, NM., and our surrounding area.; we all depend on Cannon AFB, for assistance with our military needs. Please do not take this base away from so many needed personnel.

Public transportation is non-existence and very high in price when available, this would place a real hardship on our already struggling economy of retired and other personnel.

I THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER. "KEEP CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO". AGAIN THANK YOU!


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