

May 23, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for all the work you have put into the decisions to close the military installations. However, Cannon Air Force Base should not be on that list. We provide an abundance of air space, excellent weather for training, space and facilities to accommodate joint warfare training, surge force requirements and we support all future training missions.

Clovis and Portales have always had an excellent relationship with Cannon Air Force Base. We want the base here, we want the young families and young trainees here.

There is a large population in the portion of East New Mexico and West Texas of retired military. These people provide a much needed input to our communities. They are dependent on Cannon Air Force Base to provide their healthcare, grocery shopping and all other services. To lose Cannon means we lose them too!

There have been numerous times Curry County and the local community have purchased land needed by CAFB and given it to the Air Force. We support the base morally, financially, spiritually and above all, consistently.

Sincerely,



Danny Billingsley
Texico, New Mexico

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