

May 23, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 So. Clark St., Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to contact you in regard to Cannon Air Force Base. I would appreciate it if you would reconsider all the attributes of Cannon and the solid relationship that this whole area of East New Mexico and West Texas has maintained over the years.

At Cannon there is an abundance of air space with no encroachment issues. This is very necessary for our pilots and trainees for future scenarios. Once the New Mexico Training Range Initiative is in progress pilots will be able to fly supersonic during training missions. The weather in East New Mexico provides year round training capabilities. The Melrose Bombing Range is only seconds from the runway at Cannon, and saves on expensive fuel. There is ample space/facilities to enable joint war-fighting, training and readiness.

Cannon has been the recipient of numerous awards in all levels and we are proud to have them in Curry County. The local community has purchased land and given it to the Air Force on several occasions for expansion that was needed because we are dedicated to their needs like no other community for the last 50 years.

Please reconsider the attributes Cannon has to offer. We are taking this to a very personal level and ask that you will as well.

Sincerely,

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