

Dear BRAC Commission,

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Please reconsider and take Cannon AFB, NM off the closure list. I believe our entire community was shocked because we truly thought the government knew about the following ATTRIBUTES!

KEY MILITARY FACTS:

- Abundance in airspace with no encroachments
- Safer, more realistic training scenarios for various aircraft and missions
- Once implemented, the NM Training Range Initiative allows supersonic flying
- Great year-round weather for flying conditions
- Melrose Bombing Range is seconds away
- New runways on the base
- Ample space and ramp space for surge force requirements
- Support of training missions for F-22, Joint Strike Fighter, etc.
- Award-winning base on ACC, Air Force, and NAF levels
- A relationship like none other with the communities of Clovis, Portales, and the surrounding areas.

KEY COMMUNITY FACTS:

- Large military retiree population within a 150 mile radius
- \$60 million expansion to Plains Regional Medical Center with new Heart and Cancer Wings, 10,000 sq. ft. Rehab Center as well as the addition of 60+ new medical staff
- Expansion to Clovis Community College and Eastern NM University - classes offered on base
- New VA Clinic opened this year
- Expansion and new industry is providing job opportunities for spouses and children
- Many new housing developments are providing housing needs
- New restaurants, building suppliers, hotels, and retail businesses adding to the established base
- New Civic Center under construction for increased community events
- Military discounts offered by local businesses in both cities
- The best schools and teaching staff in NM
- Christian-based communities that are family-oriented and caring

thank you for the job you've undertaken for this
Commission