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BRAC Commission  
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, Va., 22202  
Dear Commission Members:

**PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION  
TO CLOSE THE VALUABLE CANNON AIR  
FORCE BASE.**

**Three points to evaluate:**

1. One of the F111 Pilots, who became a close friend after being stationed at Cannon for way over a year, stated that he had only 3 scheduled flight days he couldn't fly in all that time due to weather and no other base where he had been stationed could come near to our almost **perfect flying weather**. Think how much it **costs** our government just on "**down days**" due to bad weather at any other base in the entire world.
2. Should **terrorist** attack Oklahoma City, Denver, Houston, Dallas, Ft. Worth, El Paso, Austin, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Cruces, Phoenix and even as far away as Kansas City or any where in between, Cannon planes would be the **first to scramble** and be on the scene to defend our great country. We may not be New York City, but even our part of the country may be a **target** someday. **Cannon is vital to the defense of our area.**
3. The **higher educational facilities** for graduate and post graduate degrees could not be excelled any place for the Military, Spouses or families, both in quality and proximity to their homes.

**PLEASE TAKE CANNON AFB OFF THE CLOSURE LIST.**

Sincerely,

  
Lynn L. Martin

  
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