

May 25, 2005

BRAC Commission  
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Arlington, Va 22202

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in response to the report that Cannon Air Force Base is on the list of potential closures. I came to New Mexico as a sixteen year old, and I am now 31. In the years that I have been here, I have learned a lot about the state as well as the surrounding communities. In addition, I attended a college in Portales, NM and became very familiar with the base. The vitality that the base has to the community in Clovis as well as the surrounding communities (Portales is one), is enormous. For many, this is their primary source of income, and for others, the base has enabled these communities to grow, and to become vital to the state of New Mexico.

In your consideration of closures, please take time to consider the benefit of keeping the base open. I know that you are probably receiving many letters, and this may just be another in the heap, but I am confident that the Commission and the United States Government will make every effort to make the best decision.

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Sincerely,

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