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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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Dear Sir:

I was disturbed to learn that Cannon AFB had been slated for possible shutdown. I feel sure that the impact on our communities in this part of New Mexico would be devastating.

There are so many ways in which this would have a negative effect, principally on Portales and Clovis, and their close neighbors in West Texas, but also on many other communities, whose retired military depend on Cannon for their health needs, for groceries, etc.

The economic impact in terms of job loss of those employed by Cannon AFB on the cities in New Mexico and West Texas, who depend on the trade with military and civilians in already hard-hit areas would be very detrimental. I understand that Clovis would lose 4,779 jobs, either directly or indirectly fostered by the air base.

It is strange to me that the Air Force would want to lose a base situated in an area in which there are hardly any days unfit for flying! I used to be employed at Cannon AFB, and I know that there are excellent facilities for training and for state-of-the-art aircraft.

I do hope that these and other issues are getting close consideration.

Sincerely,


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