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I am writing this letter hopes that it will make a difference in the decision to close Cannon air force base in Clovis, NM. They are so many reasons "Not" to close this base. First is all the surrounding towns of Clovis, including West Texas will be affected greatly. What will all the former & retired people do with no nearby installation to write them.

Cannon also has an abundance of air space which provides safer & more realistic training for pilots. Also, our local community bought land & gave it back to the Air Force, what better way can we show support to our base in letting them know "We want them here". I think a better plan is to keep Cannon open & expand it.

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There are many bases that are on the close list that wouldn't hurt their community, because their city is big. But closing will whrink to a ghost town & really hurt our community.

Our community has supported Cannon in many ways including spiritually. Our church has reached hundreds of military men & women & their families to know Jesus. We support families by sending care packages, cards & many other countless things. When their husbands or wives go Try. What I'm trying to get at is

WE CARE FOR OUR MILITARY PEOPLE!

In closing this letter I hope & pray that the best thing is done for Cannon. We feel proud to see our military people in closing and hope we get to continue to

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Support them in any way we can.

I know you have an unbelievably difficult assignment & we are just trying to keep a GOOD thing in Clovis which is "OUR"

CANNON AIR FORCE BASE

Please reconsider, Cannon should not be on the list for closure.

God Bless & Thanks for taking time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Will & Maria
Letter