

May 27, 2005

General James T. Hill
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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Arlington, VA 22202

Dear General Hill:

I encourage you to reverse the Department of Defense's BRAC proposal to close Cannon Air Force Base.

Cannon Air Force Base's military value has been demonstrated throughout its operational history resulting in awards such as the following being conferred upon the Wing on a recurring basis:

- 2005 – CINC Installation Excellence Award
- 2004 – Secretary of Defense Maintenance Award – 27th MXG
- 2004 – Clements McMullen Daedalian Weapons System Maintenance Trophy, 27th MXG
- 2003 – ACC Outstanding Medical Logistics Activity Team Award Category 4 – 27th MOS
- 2004 – ACC Safety Special Achievement Award - 27th Fighter Wing

Cannon's military value is supported by the base's operational performance, abundant airspace, outstanding weather, facilities, and mobilization and surge capabilities. The ability to host joint exercises with other nations and branches of the military increases Cannon's current and future military value.

During the last 20 years I have been stationed as an active duty member or accompanied my spouse as a dependent to more than half a dozen bases. The community of Clovis and the surrounding area has reached out and supported us, in a pleasurable manner unlike any other community during the last 20 years, since our arrival at Cannon Air Force Base. Every Air Force member stationed at Cannon Air Force Base can confidently deploy and carry out the mission knowing that their family will be cared for by the community of Clovis.

The current operations tempo will be negatively impacted if Cannon Air Force Base remains on the BRAC closure list. The continued operation of Cannon Air Force Base is tremendously important to Eastern New Mexico and the Nation. Cannon Air Force Base should not be on the BRAC closure list, please vote to remove Cannon from the list.

Sincerely,



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