

May 27, 2005

Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr.  
BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Admiral Gehman, Jr.:

Greetings from Eastern New Mexico. This letter is intended to help support the argument to Keep Cannon Air Force Base open.

I have lived in Clovis all my life and have raised my family here. If it weren't for Cannon I would not have been born. My Father was stationed at Clovis Army Air Base in WWII and met my mother here.

After leaving the Air Force they elected to stay in Clovis. He is like thousands of others in the area. Clovis has become their home as Cannon and the Air Force is part of our culture.

Clovis is an Air Force town and we're dang proud of it. By removing Cannon, you take away not only many of our neighbors and family, but our identity.

As far as the military value; where else can you find:

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- 2) Supersonic airspace without complaints?
- 3) The weather and as many flying days as in Eastern New Mexico?
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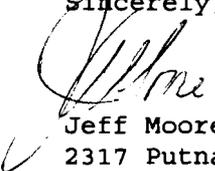
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I invite you to ask anyone who has attended; what an honor it is to have been a part of this celebration.

My wife has worked two years with this event and as she handed Cannon's personnel their food they always thank her. It warms my heart when I here her say "No, thank you for what you do, every day".

Finally, Cannon Air Force Base has received countless Air Force and National level awards. Unless the Air Force just gives awards for the sake of giving them, Cannon must have significant military value. What are we going to do with those awards once Cannon is gone? Give them to the second best base? I hope we don't settle for second best. If Cannon is the best, help us keep it open.

Sincerely,

  
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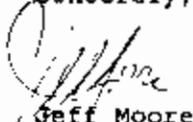
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