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BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Re: "KEEP CANNON INITIATIVE"

To Whom It May Concern:

The Village of Des Moines strongly supports the City of Clovis and the Clovis City Commission in their efforts to have Cannon Air Force Base removed from the BRAC closure list.

Northeastern New Mexico would be greatly affected if the Cannon Air Force Base were closed. Many area college students live in the Clovis and the Portales areas: attend college and work. The economic impact would be very far reaching, as many families around the state and west Texas would be affected. Many young people would be unable to find employment to help support themselves while attending College.

Cannon Air Force Base through the foresight and planning by our military, local and state officials has become a necessary component for the military and security needs for our country.

Removing Cannon Air Force Base from the closure list will not only help the Clovis, Portales and surrounding areas but also the entire Eastern side of New Mexico and West Texas.

Thank you, for your consideration in this diligent effort by all.

Respectfully,



Karen Bray
Clerk/Treasurer

CC: City of Clovis, Claire Burroughes

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