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

It is my understanding that on Friday, June 24, you will be traveling to Clovis, NM for the Commission hearing regarding Cannon Air Force Base. It is my privilege to represent a portion of Curry and Roosevelt Counties which will be greatly affected by the closure of Cannon. You have heard from many of my constituents regarding the reasons this air base should not be closed. You have a very difficult decision as you evaluate and determine if the current BRAC list is correct. The lives of millions of people are in the hands of the Commission.

I want to express my appreciation to you for serving in this very important role. I also want to tell you that my thoughts and prayers will be with you and the other members as you struggle to make the decisions that are in the best interest of the communities that will be affected while balancing what is best for our country militarily.

Finally, on behalf of the fine people that I represent, I know that we all can count on you and the BRAC Commissioners to fairly evaluate the information that is presented to you. Again, thank you for your service. I pray for your safe travel as you visit the many sites that are under consideration.

Sincerely,

Gay Gottshall Kernan
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