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Dear BRAC Commission,

My name is Philip Gordon, my wife Mary Ann & I live 45 miles east of Cannon Air Force Base. We have always supported the base being in Clovis. This has been a economic plus for Clovis, New Mexico. We live in Sudan, Texas and shop alot in Clovis, New Mexico. We have attended open house at Cannon Air Force Base and enjoyed seeing the different Planes, and how clean the Base was. The Air Shows were very intertaining.

Cannon Air Force Base does not fit the criteria for a base closure. The base has an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues.

Once the New Mexico Training Range Initiative is implemented, we will be able to offer pilots the ability to fly supersonic during training missions. It allows the Air Force to better train for real-life situations. Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war-fighting and training. The weather in Eastern New Mexico provides year round training and the availability of airspace and ideal flying weather makes Cannon the perfect candidate to support future training missions for the F-22, Joint Strike Fighter and other military aircraft.

The relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, West Texas,

and others, is unlike any other installation in the country. Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, West Texas, Amarillo and Lubbock are home ~~to a home~~ to a large military retiree population. These people rely on Cannon Air Force base for healthcare, groceries, and more. There is not another installation close by that served our retired military.

Air easements and land was purchased by State of New Mexico and local community for air easement and more living spaces for homes. This was given to the Air Force.

"PLEASE KEEP CANNON"

Sincerely,

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