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General Lloyd W. Newton
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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Dear General Newton:

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Whether or not Cannon's military value has been recognized yet in Washington, out here we really appreciate the base. The local community has been uniquely supportive, donating time and land to promote the base's needs. We have also welcomed the personnel.

The many veterans in the area make it clear that they feel at home here. We consider Cannon and its retirees a part of our family. Having grown up in Clovis with Cannon I have had the privilege of meeting thousands of military personnel and dependents. Some of my closest friends have been attached to Cannon in one way or another and I hope my children have the same good fortune as I.

The closure of Cannon will also have a devastating impact on our economy. It has been estimated that the area will lose at least 20 percent of its workforce, a percentage out of line with the effect of base closings in other communities. Cannon is critical for us.

I invite you to come personally to the Cannon hearing in Clovis. I ask you please to reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to my community. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner
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