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Dear BRAC Commission,

I am writing to you today to say that I fully support the "Operation: Keep Cannon". I am 48 years old, and have lived in Clovis for the past 25 years. I was raised in South Carolina. I was not raised around military families at all. Upon moving to Clovis, I have met and become friends with so many of them. Living in Clovis has been absolutely wonderful for my family. Being with military employees and their families, you gain such a love for our great country and for the sacrifices they make.

Our church has always embraced the military of our community. We truly become their family away from family. When they go TDY or have to leave for any kind of assignment, our church sends the employee "care packages". We also provide care for the family who stays behind. Whether it is a lawn needing to be mowed, children babysat, change a flat tire, etc., we are there for them. Not all communities are willing to reach out to military families the way that I see Clovis do.

Many of them are now retiring in Clovis! We have people who travel from Lubbock and Amarillo, Texas and surrounding areas to come to Cannon for shopping and medical reasons. Cannon is a part of all of our lives.

When we hear the jets and planes flying overhead, it gives us a sense of pride, never regret. In fact, rather than see Cannon close, we would love to see it grow.

I am asking very earnestly, please reconsider the closing of Cannon Air Force Base. We want Cannon to stay in Clovis. We want to continue being a small part of our great military.

Sincerely,



Roxanne Swann