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To BRAC Commission:

Hello, my name is Crystal Natividad. I grew up as a military dependent my father served 20 yrs. in the USAF. He retired @ Cannon Airforce Base in Clovis, NM in 1995.

I am writing to inform the people of the BRAC Commission how taking CAFB out of the community would affect my family. Growing up in the military my family use to always go to the base airshows and Taps & Blues together. Now that I am married with children of my own I take pride in carring on the tradition and teaching my children about the USAF. Since CAFB is such a big part of our community when Operation Iraqi freedom started the children of my sons school as well as other schools made cards to send to the soldiers that were over there fighting who's home station was Cannon. My son enjoys watching the jets fly over

our house and the sound they make (we live approx. 1½-2 mile north of the base). When we go to Portales and take the back road around CAFB if the jets are flying or just doing after burns my son has us stop so he can watch them. How will I explain to a 6 year old why the government decided to close CAFB?

Our community benifits from Cannons Bomb Squad and other special ops - in times of certain situations. Where we live Cannons Fire Department is closer than Clovis.

I feel that the government can find other areas to cut besides our nations armed services. How about the Congress and senates pay, how about the departments individual budgets (such as for ~~op~~ office supplies, mailouts, etc.).

Please keep Cannon alive and keep my children's ability to see the USAF @ work in person. Thank you for your time and

understanding. Please give the people of Clovis and Portales the chance to be heard.

Sincerely,

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Please leave Cannon alone.