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Dear BRAC commission.

I am writing to express my sincere desire to keep CANNON AFB, in Clovis, NM open and active. I am positive that our senators and representative along with our Community leaders have provided you with all the military criteria for keeping Cannon open and thriving as a base for the future of the Air Force. I want you to hear from me some of the human aspects for keeping Cannon.

Cannon is Clovis. By closing Cannon you will be closing down Clovis. There are so many families that will be affected in so many ways. I am in Clovis because my father was transferred here when I was in High School. We chose to stay when he retired. I have raised my Family here. One son is in Construction and just sold his first house to an active member of our Air Force. Another son works for the Santa Fe. Railroad and another is in school. They are active Christian members of society and the world they have built for their selves and their families is going to collapse around them if Cannon closes. I teach school and it is scary to think what loosing the families at Cannon will do to our school district. We will loose students but we will also loose some of the best mentors in the world.

How many communities are you aware of that puts together a support drive for its military and actually goes to visit them at there base. Clovis did. A few months ago the citizens of Clovis gathered together letters, banners and souvenirs from our area and actually took them to a base in Japan where many men and women from Cannon were temporarily stationed. We are the type of community you want your bases to be associated with.

When you come to town to visit you will see for yourselves that Clovis and Cannon are one and the same. You will see that in all our business are signs supporting Cannon and all the Military. You will see yellow ribbons and red, white and blue ribbons of support on cars and homes. Not just because of our desire to keep Cannon but Because we support our Armed Forces always.

Please look at the facts and potential Cannon has to offer to the Air Force of the future and remove Cannon from the BRAC list.

Sincerely,

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