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Dear Commission:

Cannon Air Force Base at Clovis N M is on the Base closure list.

Cannon Air Force Base has an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues. In the early 90's, Curry County, in which Cannon is located, along with the state of New Mexico, purchased air easements around Cannon Air Force Base and gave the land to the Air Force to protect the air space from encroachment.

The local community purchased land near the Base and gave it back to the Air Force for additional housing.

The Base has two operational runways. The Melrose bombing range is second from the end of the runway at Cannon.

The weather here in Eastern New Mexico provides year round training abilities.

The New Mexico Training Range Initiative will allow pilots the ability to fly supersonic training missions which will allow better training for real-life situations.

We are home to a large military retiree population. There is not another installation nearby to serve our retired military.

The closing of Cannon will affect 20% of our employment force of our community.

We look forward to your coming to Clovis and Cannon Air Force Base so you can see first hand how closing Cannon will affect not only the local community but the freedom of our country and the endeavors our country makes for other nations to have freedom.

A proud citizen of Clovis

Sue Sutter