

June 13, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear Members of the BRAC Commission:

I am writing you this letter in an effort to help **KEEP CANNON AIRFORCE BASE!!!!** I understand that you have a tremendous task before you and I also know you base your decisions on information that you are given. I feel that you have been provided with possibly some false information or maybe just not enough information. When you visit our city and Cannon you will see the real truth in the fact the we do not fit the criteria for base closure. We have an abundance of air space with no encroachment problems. Our weather in Eastern New Mexico is perfect for year round training and future training for the F-22. We have our bombing range nearby for easy access without having to waste fuel. We have great potential here at Cannon for many future training sessions and expanded air space. Cannon has also won countless awards. We have a great relationship with the base here in Clovis and have donated time and land to help keep Cannon open and functioning. Cannon is also the only base in the West Texas, Eastern New Mexico area to provide services for our veterans and retirees. There are numerous small towns in our area that depend on Clovis and Cannon for all of their needs. Some live in areas so remote that they depend on Clovis for groceries, gas and all of their basic necessities. If Cannon leaves, our City and a great surrounding area would be totally devastated!

Here is my story on a personal level. I am forty one years old and have lived in this area my entire life! Cannon AFB has been there as long as I have!! And as long as I can remember our community has always had a great relationship with Cannon AFB. I didn't realize just how important Cannon AFB was to all of us until I met my husband April 24, 1994. At that time he was working as a Technical Sergeant in the 27th EMS. Being around him and all of his friends and co-workers opened up my eyes to a whole different world! It truly made me realize the importance of our military and instilled in me a pride that we play a part in the doing of America's Business, just by having Cannon in our City!! He has been retired since May 2001 after doing his entire twenty years here at Cannon AFB! He is originally from Denver, but loves Clovis and Cannon and will never move! We depend on Cannon for all of our Medical needs, and use all of the facilities as much as possible. Both of my daughters attended both Jr. and Sr. proms at the Landing facilities at Cannon AFB. I have a lot of great memories of those prom days. Cannon made Prom a lot nicer event for our students from the little town of Farwell, Texas. If not for Cannon, Prom would be held in our cafeteria!! Not a very fun or pretty place for Prom!

Our city of Clovis has just recently begun to grow into a place that has anything that you would need without having to leave town! We have gotten so many new business, restaurants, and department stores. Until the news of Cannon being on the closure list, construction was going on everywhere!! Now all has come to a complete halt!! This has already caused tremendous economic problems for us as a city!! We are afraid that our great town will stop progressing if Cannon is closed!!! The loss of jobs to our community will be devastating!! I work in a government office and I fully understand the situation that our budgets are in and the need for closing facilities that are not successful! I just don't see how anyone could put Cannon AFB in that category!

In closing, I just want to invite all of you to come to our city and visit Cannon and see for yourselves how much we all need and want to keep "The World's Most Lethal Fighting Wing"!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammi Workman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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