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The Honorable James H. Bilbray

BRAC Commission
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We ask that Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis New Mexico, be taken off the base closure list.

Sincerely,

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In 1999 my job (Wendy's) of over 20 years went away when our hospital closed. We decided to make our life long hobby of horses into a business and have put our life savings into the project.

Six years later the business is viable and growing with families and personnel from Cannon Air Force Base making up two thirds of our client base.

If Cannon Air Force Base closes, we may be forced to close our business. We are just one of many in the area that will be negatively impacted.

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Brigadier General Sue E. Turner

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Dear Sir:

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We raise the question of Cannon Air Force Base fitting the criteria for closure.

We have no information regarding the criteria used to make the decision to close the base but hear a lot of concern that Cannon does not fit the criteria.

We are taxpayers and believe our taxes go toward supporting the military. We are also 'of, by and for the people' and would like a copy of the criteria used to make the decision to close the base. This way we can be better informed on this issue.

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Portales is home to Eastern New Mexico University. It is anticipated that closure of Cannon Air Force Base will result in a measured drop in student enrollment since Air Force personnel and spouses attend classes at Eastern.

This area is also home to many small businesses such as ours that may be forced to close as a result of Cannon closing.

Anticipation of closure of Cannon Air Force Base is that there will be a severe economic ripple effect on the economy of the state of New Mexico and the West Texas border.

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One of our customers in Portales has rental property and depends on the University for student renters. Her business will fold if Cannon Air Force Base closes because the 801 Housing project here in Portales will apparently revert to the University for housing students.

The University and public school systems will be significantly impacted by student enrollment going down since funding depends on student enrollment.

When you look at your numbers the population at Cannon is probably a drop in the bucket. When we look at Cannon we see a community with significant numbers that impact our small rural towns and they are extremely important. This doesn't even take into consideration that the personnel at Cannon are the kind of neighbors we want in our area.

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In the history of Cannon Air Force Base and community working together, community has taken measures to assure land and airspace available to the base for future expansion. When one thinks of other bases located in heavily populated areas it is hard to imagine flexibility for expansion that is always needed as any undertaking gets bigger and better.

One would assume that the desert air is much more beneficial to the upkeep on aircraft than many of the wetter areas of the country.

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