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To: Samuel Knox Skinner
2521 S. Clark St.
Arlington, VA 22202
From: Skip Overdier
4201 N. Prince St.
Clovis, NM 88101
Subject: Cannon AFB

1. I'm sorry you weren't able to come to the BRAC Commission Hearing in Clovis, New Mexico for Cannon Air Force Base. I know your commission is extremely busy and not all commissioners can come to all the hearings. We are very thankful for the number of commissioners that did attend which apparently is more than have attended any other hearing. That in itself indicates the importance your commission attaches to Cannon being on the closure list.
2. I'm sure you and your staff will analyze all the facts, figures and data that our work group put together. I know you will find that the information submitted to the Air Force, which in-turn was submitted to the Department of Defense, was grossly in error. Not only the factual data about the mission capabilities of the base but also the economic impact on all the local communities presented an untrue picture of Cannon's military and economic contributions. Our base has the current and future capability to be a major contributor to military training and operational missions.
3. We know you take the charter of the BRAC Commission very seriously. It is readily apparent from the revised facts and figures our

work group assembled that we are no where near the total score we were given by the Department of Defense. When the scores are recomputed we would be near, if not at the top of all the F-16 bases as well as any other base we might be compared with. It would weaken our military capability to close Cannon rather than another base that does not rank as high on military capability. The overall objective of the BRAC is to reduce the number of bases but a base with the resources and capabilities of Cannon should not be on that type of list.

4. I am a retired Chief Master Sergeant and spent over 30 years in the Air Force. I was stationed at 16 different bases during those 30 years and spent time temporarily at dozens of other bases. I can not name one other base that has better facilities, weather, or community relations. Add to that the extremely low cost of land if needed for expansion and I think you will agree that this is one of the premier bases in the entire Department of Defense.
5. It's not important to us at this point how the incorrect data was submitted to the Department of Defense. Our only concern now is that the true facts and figures be used to recompute our ranking among other bases and that our base be removed from the list.



Skip Overdier
Associate Broker
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I have an income of about \$230,000.00 a year with 2 full time assistants which are my family members that I support. My income is usually \$9000.00 a month and this month I will be lucky to bring in \$1,200.00 income from 2 small mobile home sales for non military in Ft Sumner, NM.

I do not know what to plan for my next few months. I have 7 web sites to maintain and numerous dues and office bill to pay as well as car payment and household expenses. I am cutting out all frivolous treats that I have enjoyed. I realize this is not your fault, but I just want you to understand what a position this BRAC closure is placing on myself and many others affected by just the announcement.

It was a real joy to have 6 of the commissioners as well as our State Governor, Lt. Governor, and Senators as well as State Representatives in our local hotel last weekend. I was part of the welcoming committee who had the opportunity to distribute fresh flowers and welcome baskets to many of your rooms. I called out your names before God as I went from room to room turning on the air conditioner and placing water in your refrigerator. This was not just an act of kindness, but one of opportunity. I want you to know that I personally prayed for each of you to be fair and to listen to our delegation pour out our Cannon facts and misconceptions that had been previously given to the DOD. They so eloquently spoke in behalf of each and every Clovis and Portales citizen and with our good in mind. It was my pleasure to be part of the people who lined the street in front of the RE/MAX hot air balloon and then hurry to take my seat at Marshall to hear the powerful and heartfelt presentation by Senator Pete Domenici, Senator Jeff Bingaman, and Rep. Heather Wilson, and Rep. Tom Udall as well as our Governor Bill Richardson and his Lt. Gov. Demish. I was so proud to hear Randy Harris and Chad Lydick speak words of truth about our economic forecast and how well our base has excelled in missions and are looking for a bright future with additional missions that are

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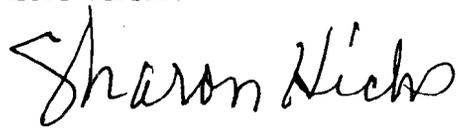
I do not know what to plan for my next few months. I have 7 web sites to maintain and numerous dues and office bill to pay as well as car payment and household expenses. I am cutting out all frivolous treats that I have enjoyed. I realize this is not your fault, but I just want you to understand what a position this BRAC closure is placing on myself and many others affected by just the announcement.

It was a real joy to have 6 of the commissioners as well as our State Governor, Lt. Governor, and Senators as well as State Representatives in our local hotel last weekend. I was part of the welcoming committee who had the opportunity to distribute fresh flowers and welcome baskets to many of your rooms. I called out your names before God as I went from room to room turning on the air conditioner and placing water in your refrigerator. This was not just an act of kindness, but one of opportunity. I want you to know that I personally prayed for each of you to be fair and to listen to our delegation pour out our Cannon facts and misconceptions that had been previously given to the DOD. They so eloquently spoke in behalf of each and every Clovis and Portales citizen and with our good in mind. It was my pleasure to be part of the people who lined the street in front of the RE/MAX hot air balloon and then hurry to take my seat at Marshall to hear the powerful and heartfelt presentation by Senator Pete Domenici, Senator Jeff Bingaman, and Rep. Heather Wilson, and Rep. Tom Udall as well as our Governor Bill Richardson and his Lt. Gov. Demish. I was so proud to hear Randy Harris and Chad Lydick speak words of truth about our economic forecast and how well our base has excelled in missions and are looking for a bright future with additional missions that are

currently being made possible by the additional air space being purchased. We do love our community and we do love the military families who live here and have become part of us and want to stay here for a long time.

I want to personally plead with you to consider and reconsider the previous decision to place Cannon AFB on the BRAC list and consider the impact on our local area communities and our economy as well as my personal livelihood as a Realtor. I want those emails to keep coming in and I want to assist more and more families find the American Dream of home ownership.

Sincerely,
SHARON HICKS

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Hicks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'S'.

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