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- Abundance in air space with no encroachments
- Safer, more realistic training scenarios for all types of planes and missions
- Once implemented, supersonic flying through the N.M. Training Range Initiative
- Great year-round weather for flying conditions
- Melrose bombing range is seconds away
- New runways on the base—two runways, not just one
- Ample space and ramp space for surge force requirements
- Support of training missions for F-22, F-35, Joint Strike Fighter, etc.
- Award winning base on ACC, Air Force, and NAF levels
- A relationship like none other with the communities of Clovis, Portales, and the surrounding areas
- Large military retiree population within a 150 mile radius

KEY COMMUNITY FACTS:

- $60 million expansion to Plains Regional Medical Center with new Heart, and Cancer Wings, 10,000 sq. ft. Rehab Center as well as the addition of 60+ new medical staff
- Expansions to Clovis Community College and Eastern NM University—classes offered on base
- New VA Clinic opened this year
- Expansion and new industry is providing job opportunities for spouses and children
- Many new housing developments are providing housing needs
- New restaurants, building suppliers, and retail businesses adding to the established base
- New Civic Center under construction for increased community events
- Military discounts offered by local businesses
- The best schools and teaching staff in NM
- A Christian-based community that is family oriented and caring
- Portales community was not considered in the economic impact of closure

Signed: Gayle Tebshaw

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CC: Commissioner James Bilbrary
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Letter Campaign

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Whether or not Cannon's military value has been recognized yet in Washington, out here we really appreciate the base. The local community has been uniquely supportive, donating time and land to promote the base's needs We have also welcomed the personnel The many veterans in the area make it clear that they feel at home here. We consider Cannon and its retirees a part of our family.

The closure of Cannon will also have a devastating impact on our economy. It has been estimated that the area will lose at least 20 percent of its workforce, a percentage out of line with the effect of base closings in other communities. Cannon is critical for us.

I invite you to come personally to the Cannon hearing in Clovis. I ask you to please reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to my community Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,
(signature and address)

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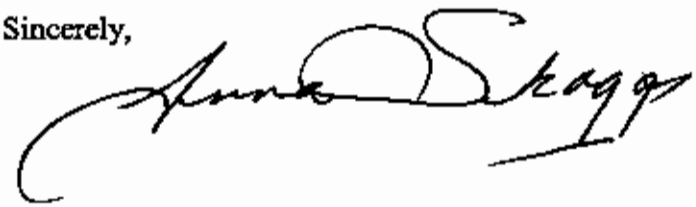

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- Once implemented, supersonic flying through the N.M. Training Range Initiative
- Great year-round weather for flying conditions
- Melrose bombing range is seconds away
- New runways on the base—two runways, not just one
- Ample space and ramp space for surge force requirements
- Support of training missions for F-22, F-35, Joint Strike Fighter, etc.
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- A relationship like none other with the communities of Clovis, Portales, and the surrounding areas
- Large military retiree population within a 150 mile radius

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- $80 million expansion to Plains Regional Medical Center with new Heart, and Cancer Wings, 10,000 sq. ft. Rehab Center as well as the addition of 60+ new medical staff
- Expansions to Clovis Community College and Eastern NM University—classes offered on base
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- Many new housing developments are providing housing needs
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- New Civic Center under construction for increased community events
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- The best schools and teaching staff in NM
- A Christian-based community that is family oriented and caring
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Signed: Sylvia P. Crayton

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CC: Commissioner James Bilbrary
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Emmie Lowe
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Address: 1202 CR M Clovis

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2521 S Clark St.
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I'm looking forward to attending your meeting in Clovis next month.

Sincerely:

cc.

President George W. Bush
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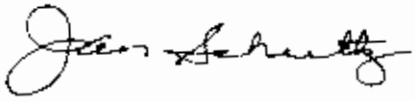

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Mr. Principi:

Please find enclosed an additional 2000 Letters (bundled in groups of 100) to the BRAC from members of our community.

The letters include handwritten and typed letters, emails and on-line petitions from our web site.

We are emphasizing community support and are running an intense letter writing campaign to meet a goal of 100,000+. With this box, we have provided you with a total 48,500 letters!!

Regards,

Jennifer Overholt
Executive Assistant, NIMAC

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I am writing in response to the announcement that Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico is on the list to potentially be closed. The following factors are important to consider about why Cannon should be removed from the potential closing list.

- Consider the economic impact of Clovis and the surrounding communities, including Amarillo and Lubbock, would be affected tremendously.
- The consequence of loss of resources to thousands of retired military families that live in Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, and West Texas would be devastating. These people rely on Cannon for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more. There is not another installation close to serve our retired military.
- Consider the strategic response time for protection of the BWXT Pantex, Bell Helicopter and all other heavy industrial facilities in the surrounding area.
- Cannon Air Force Base is a top notch facility with plenty of space for expansion and is an approved base for super sonic flight. The abundance of air space and lack of encroachment issues provide safe and realistic training scenarios for pilots
- The relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding cities, Clovis, Portales, and many West Texas cities, is unlike any other installation in the country.

In summary, the Clovis and surrounding communities have reached out and supported the base like no other community financially, morally, spiritually, and above all, consistently over the past 50 years. I know that you are faced with a difficult assignment, but please consider the points listed above and remove Cannon Air Force Base from the potential closing list under consideration.

Respectfully,

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Dear Commissioners,

I am very concerned about the Department of Defense's recommendation that Cannon Air Force Base should be closed.

I want to help make the Commission fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include year-round flying conditions, unencroached airspace that will soon be available for training at supersonic speeds, many new and existing facilities suitable for joint training exercises, and a low-cost environment that promotes cost-efficient training. Cannon is a real asset to the country's armed forces.

Whether or not Cannon's military value has been recognized yet in Washington, but here we really appreciate the base. The regional community has been uniquely supportive, making important concessions to the Air Force's needs. Specifically, New Mexico is in the process of enacting the Strategic Training Range Initiative which will provide more supersonic training space and allow it at lower altitudes at Cannon. We have also welcomed the Air Force personnel. The many veterans in the area make it clear that they feel at home here. We consider Cannon and its retiree a part of our family.

The closure of Cannon will also have a devastating impact on our economy. It has been estimated that the Clovis area will lose at least 20 percent of its workforce, a percentage out of line with the effect of base closings in other communities. Moreover, an economic impact like that will hurt the entire region, well beyond the immediate Cannon area. Cannon Air Force Base is critical for all of us.

I invite each of you to come personally to the Cannon hearing in Clovis. I ask you please to reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to my community. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,
(name and address)

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Infrastructure Systems:

Water Systems: Cannon AFB is completely independent of outside water sources due to its unique ability to provide water from nine government-owned wells. There is adequate capacity to support both current demand and future expansion in mission.

Natural Gas Systems: There is no limit to the amount of natural gas service supplied to the base through contractual means.

Airfield Pavements and wiring: Upgraded via four major projects in the last year.

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Surrounding Area: The land and communities adjacent to Cannon AFB are primarily related to agriculture industry. The benefits of being located in a remote area of eastern plains of New Mexico manifest themselves in the form of extremely limited air encroachments. This is a key factor in sustaining training for our mission.

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Thank you for your vote to keep Cannon AFB open.

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We estimate that there are approximately 12,000 homes and apartments valued at $95,000 each = 1 Billion 140 million. If Cannon closes, real estate will drop 25-30% in value = $285 million in losses.

The closure will hit extremely hard economically with percentages 20-26% of job losses, almost double the nearest other base closing.

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The impact to schools is projected to close three (3) elementary schools and one (1) junior high. The high school, Clovis Community College and Eastern New Mexico University in Portales face a 30% reduction.

Homes will decrease in value possibly 25-40%, property value will also drop.

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Please reconsider your decision and "Keep Cannon".

Ronald Dickson
R&D Service Center, Inc.

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Dear Sue Ellen Turner,

I would like to take this opportunity to express to you how important it is to Clovis and the surrounding communities to have Cannon Air Force Base. Listed below are several reasons why I believe Cannon AFB should remain open. PLEASE take the time to review my letter and reconsider the recommendation to close Cannon.

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Sales will decrease – Unemployment will increase.

Downsizing is extremely difficult if not impossible.

Money will become very tight (Buying, selling, borrowing, etc.)

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Signed I. Ratigan

PS: On a personal note,

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Curry County and the State of New Mexico purchased air easements around Cannon AFB in the 1990's and GAVE them to the Air Force.

In the past the local community has purchased land north of Cannon AFB and GAVE it to the Air Force for extra base housing. And more recently, the community bought land west of Cannon and GAVE it to the Air Force so that instrument lighting could be installed on their alternate runway.

Eastern New Mexico and West Texas (including Amarillo and Lubbock) are home to a large military retiree population. These people rely on CAFB for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more. There is not another installation within 225 miles or more to serve our retired military. (Albuquerque, Ft. Worth, Alamagordo)

Cannon has the, facilities, and ramp space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations, readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy.

Cannon has a great relationship with all the surrounding communities, and has also won awards at ACC, Air Force, and NAF levels. We urge you to **PLEASE "KEEP CANNON".**

Sincerely,

Ronald Dickson

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The closure will hit extremely hard economically with job losses at 20-26%, almost double the nearest other base closing.

Sales will decrease – Unemployment will increase.

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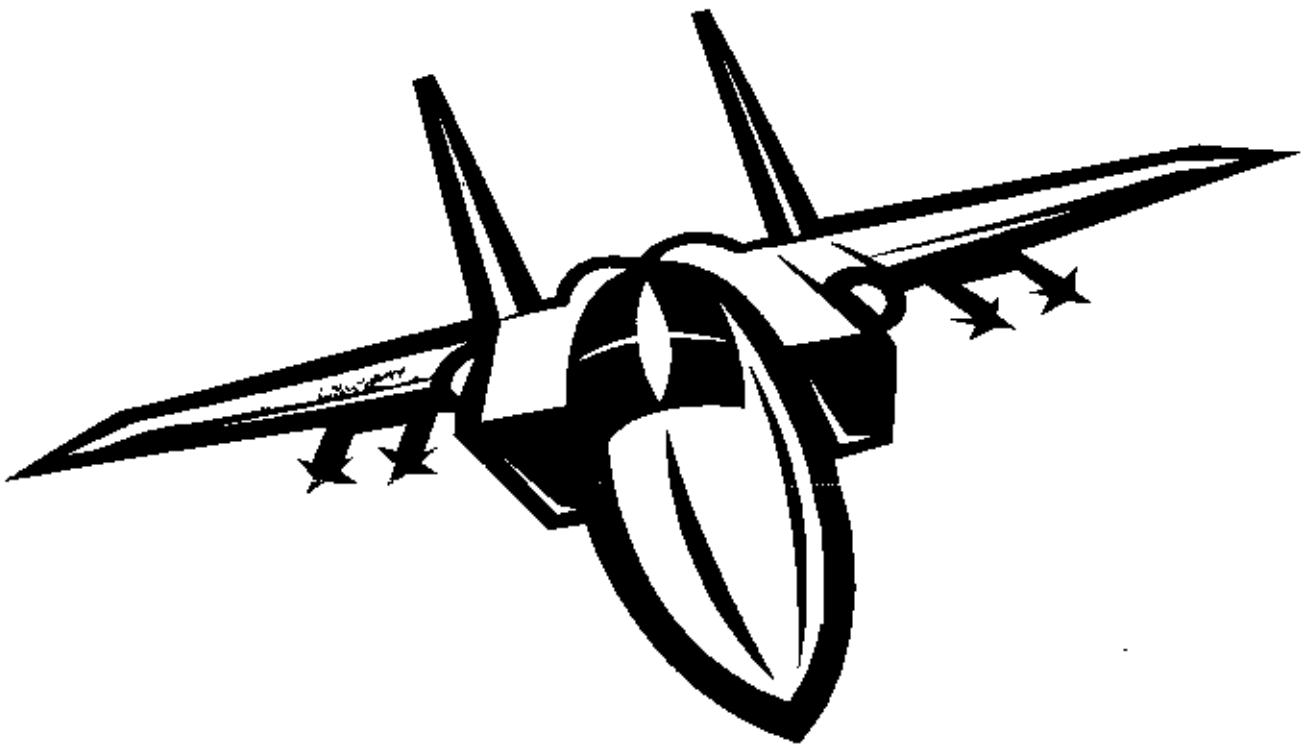

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Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

Dear Commissioner Coyle,

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I want to help make the Commission fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include unencroached airspace suitable for training at supersonic speed, many new and existing facilities suitable for joint training exercises, and a low-cost environment that promotes cost-efficient training. Cannon is a real asset to the country's armed forces.

Whether or not Cannon's military value has been recognized yet in Washington, out here we really appreciate the base. The local community has been uniquely supportive, donating time and land to promote the base's needs. We have also welcomed the personnel. The many veterans in the area make it clear that they feel at home here. We consider Cannon and its retirees a part of our family.

The closure of Cannon will also have a devastating impact on our economy. It has been estimated that the area will lose at least 20 percent of its workforce, a percentage out of line with the effect of base closings in other communities. Cannon is critical for us.

I invite you to come personally to the Cannon hearing in Clovis. I ask you please to reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to my community. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,

Roger Jackson,
Ideal Auto Sales

PS. On a personal note, As a Small Business man, I will Really Feel the impact if our base closes!

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Ann L. Rowley

June 16, 2003

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The business alone would lose over $105,000.00 pgs in Tricare payments (and that's after writing off 1/3 1/3 of our fee). The "trickle down" effect would be devasting. We are approaching retirement age. And with that loss, we & our employees would have a decrease in pension benefits. We have 3 employees, not including us.

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Sincerely,

Lew Bradshaw

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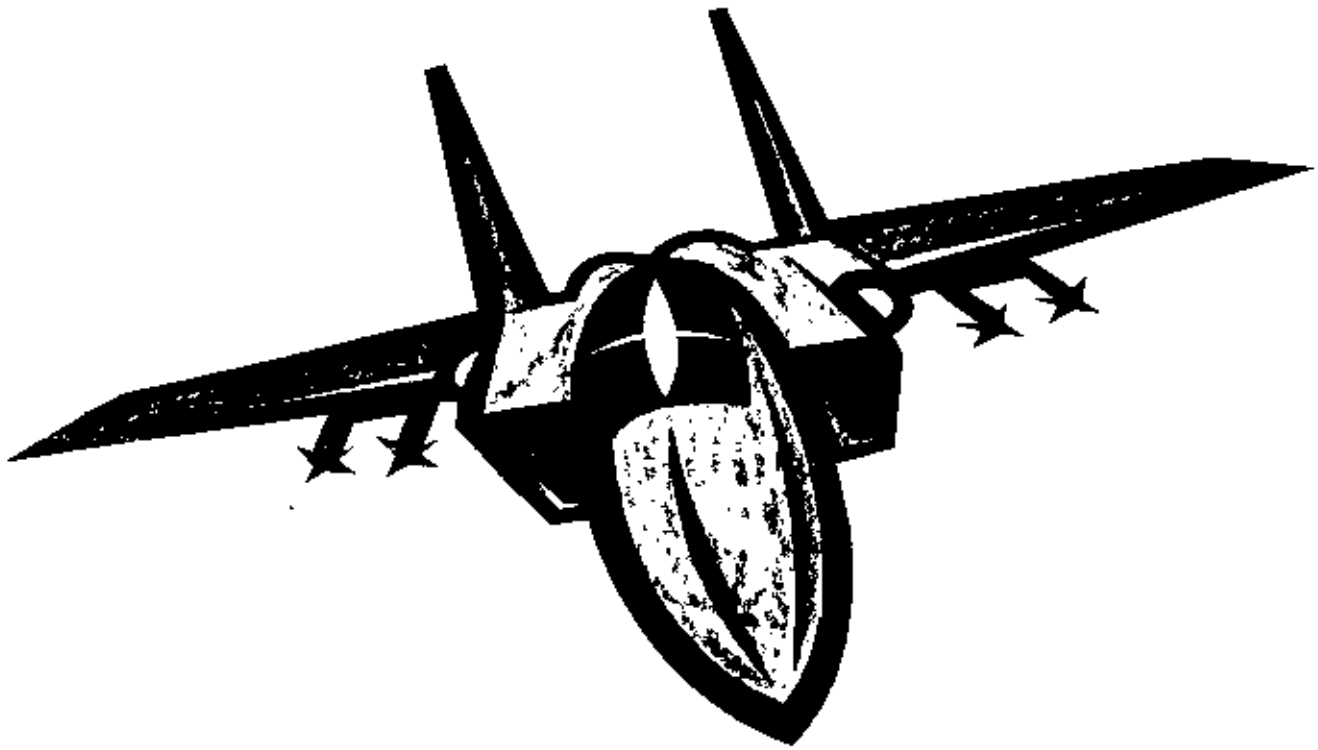

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Major Investment Strategies

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Thank you,

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Respectfully,

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Best regards,

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TO: BRAC Commissioners

DATE: 6-8-05

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I would like to express my attitude concerning the decision to close Cannon Air Force Base. In my letter you will find many reasons why I believe Cannon should stay in Clovis, PLEASE take the time to read over my letter, it means a great deal to me.

The weather in Eastern New Mexico provides a year round training ability with the exception of a few windy days; this in turn is ideal for perfect flying weather

We have no smog or pollution problem in the area and the dryness of our climate is certainly an asset against corrosion and rust.

We have no large airport or structures, therefore Cannon has abundance of air space and no encroachment issues.

Cannon has the facilities and ramp space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situation readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy.

Cannon has a great relationship with all the surrounding communities, and has also won awards at ACC, Air Force, and NAF levels.

WE strongly urge you to reconsider your decision and "Keep Cannon".

Sincerely,

Ronald Dickson

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May 24, 2005

BRAC COMISSION
2521 S Clark St.
Arlington, Va 22202

Re: CANNON AIR FORCE BASE ON CLOSURE LIST

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS:

Our City and Community, as well as Portales, Roosevelt County, Cities of Amarillo and Lubbock, Texas were all shocked to hear CANNON is on the closure list.

It is most difficult to understand why, as CANNON has met, in fact exceeded the requirements of the Pentagon Officials who developed the closure list. Millions of dollars have been spent recently on expanding the fire station, hospital, runway and the overpass.

It will be very devastating and far reaching for us, even closing one of our schools that mostly children of CANNON attends.

All consideration possible should be given to removing CANNON from the list. We are all human and can make a mistake, and I certainly feel a human error was made when CANNON was placed on the list.

I'm looking forward to attending your meeting in Clovis next month.

Sincerely:

Helen Martin

cc:

President George W. Bush
The White House

Gov. Bill Richardson
Santa Fe, NM

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Signed: Melynda Riddle

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Thank you for your vote to keep Cannon AFB open.

Dennis Chalker
3609 Earlmont
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Dear Sue Ellen Turner,

Cannon Air Force Base is an important part of Clovis, NM and the surrounding communities such as Portales, NM, Amarillo, TX and Lubbock, TX. The paragraphs below provide a brief overview of the relationship among these communities, and it gives just a glimpse of how this area will be affected if Cannon AFB is closed.

Eastern New Mexico and West Texas (including Amarillo and Lubbock) are home to a large military retiree population. These people rely on CAFB for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more. There is not another installation within 225 miles or more to serve our retired military. (Albuquerque, Ft. Worth, Alamagordo)

The impact to schools is projected to close three elementary schools and one junior high in Clovis. The high school, Clovis Community College (CCC), and Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) in Portales all face a 30% reduction.

In the past the local community purchased land north of Cannon AFB and GAVE it to the Air Force for extra base housing. And more recently, the community bought land west of Cannon and GAVE it to the Air Force so that instrument lighting could be installed on their alternate runway.

Curry County and the State of New Mexico purchased air easements in the 1990's and GAVE them to the Air Force.

Clovis and the surrounding communities support Cannon AFB and they have created a great relationship. Please reconsider the recommendation to close Cannon.

Please "KEEP CANNON".

Sincerely,

Ronald Dickson

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JUL 14 2005

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To the distinguished BRAC committee,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base a part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues. The future use of super sonic fly space, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability, In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to the base.

Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war fighting, training, and readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy. Cannon has won countless awards, both on the ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels, and national and STAT levels.

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I understand so-called money saved in this recommendation will go to the DOD to help support the military in Iraq I support the troops defending our country but not by these means. Robbing Peter to pay Paul is not the answer. I understand money talks but I don't believe money is always the answer.

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- Ample space and ramp space for surge force requirements
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Signed: Clarence C. Lyle

PS 1100 Third Melrose N.M.

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Respectfully,

132 N. Timbercreek Dr.
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KEY COMMUNITY FACTS

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- New Civic Center under construction for increased community events
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- The best schools and teaching staff in NM
- A Christian-based community that is family oriented and caring
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Signed: Kathy C. Trails

PS This would be a great loss to our security of the United States

This letter will be copied to send to the following:

CC: Commissioner James Bilbray
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Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

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I want to help make the Commission fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include unencroached airspace suitable for training at supersonic speed, many new and existing facilities suitable for joint training exercises, and a low-cost environment that promotes cost-efficient training. Cannon is a real asset to the country's armed forces.

Whether or not Cannon's military value has been recognized yet in Washington, out here we really appreciate the base. The local community has been uniquely supportive, donating time and land to promote the base's needs. We have also welcomed the personnel. The many veterans in the area make it clear that they feel at home here. We consider Cannon and its retirees a part of our family.

The closure of Cannon will also have a devastating impact on our economy. It has been estimated that the area will lose at least 20 percent of its workforce, a percentage out of line with the effect of base closings in other communities. Cannon is critical for us.

I invite you to come personally to the Cannon hearing in Clovis. I ask you please to reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to my community. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,

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To the distinguished BRAC committee,

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Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues. The future use of super sonic fly space, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability, In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to the base.

Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war fighting, training, and readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy. Cannon has won countless awards, both on the ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels, and national and STAT levels.

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Sincerely,

Richard L Smith

I was stationed at CAFB for 7 years, I was in the Air Force 23 years and when I retired, I made my home in Clovis NM. I had four sons who graduated from Clovis High School. I had three different businesses here in Clovis and without the Base, I would not have stayed in business

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Dear BRAC COMMISSIONERS:

As a concerned Realtor of Clovis, New Mexico and for the keeping of Cannon Air Force Base, I want you to hear my personal reasons for taking Cannon off the base closure list.

I am sitting here in my real estate office just waiting for the phone and my cell phone to ring. It is dead quiet. I had over 79 buyers most of which were military due with orders for Cannon in May-Sept this year. Most have contacted me and said they would need to take a rental if they could find one and could not consider buying until Cannon AFB is removed from the list. I reply to each of them that I understand and when Cannon is removed from the list I will be here. Real Estate is my life and it is what I do best turning dreams and housing needs into homes, securities, and lifestyles.

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 Govenor, 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 bight future with additional missions that are

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Sincerely, Lelia Jowett

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General James T Hill (USA, Ret)

Thank you for coming to Clovis on Friday You listened to 90 minutes of positive comments about keeping Cannon AFB open You saw the reception down Prince and Commerce streets and you personally witnessed how much community is supporting Cannon

I joined the AF in 1971 My first assignment was at Laughlin AFB, TX, my 2nd was at Elmendorf AFB, AK and my 3rd assignment was at Nellis AFB, NV In 1981, my tour at Nellis was over and I headed to Langley AFB, VA for my next assignment I remember driving through New Mexico and I wasn't impressed at all Why anyone would live in that state? After Langley, I spent several years in Europe and I received orders to, you guessed it, Cannon AFB in May 1992 Oh boy, I was heading to New Mexico!

I have enjoyed each of my previous assignments and I came here with an open mind It didn't take very long to realize that my first impression, several years earlier, was changing This was my first experience in a community that truly welcomed the military Any bad rumors that I had heard about Cannon and Clovis were quickly put to rest and I knew that this was the area that my family and I would retire in I completed 22 years and I am now a civil service employee fighting to keep my job

I could list several personal reasons for keeping Cannon open, but I know that you have to be concerned with the military value in making your decision You heard the strengths that Cannon provides to our overall national security and I know that other bases scheduled for closure might be equally important Why are we going through this process at this time? Our military and civilian personnel are in a "Real War Period" and are in more demand at this time than we were during the "Cold War period" Any decision you support in closing a major installation at this time will not be able to be reversed later

In the interest of our national security, please join the other commissioners and vote to keep Cannon AFB open Your positive vote will ensure that we will receive a unanimous decision

Thank you,

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Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

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Whether or not Cannon's military value has been recognized yet in Washington, out here we really appreciate the base. The local community has been uniquely supportive, donating time and land to promote the base's needs. We have also welcomed the personnel. The many veterans in the area make it clear that they feel at home here. We consider Cannon and its retirees a part of our family.

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PS. On a personal note, _____

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Signed [signature]

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Signed: Marjorie L. Chalker

Address: 3609 Earlmont, Clovis NM 88101

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