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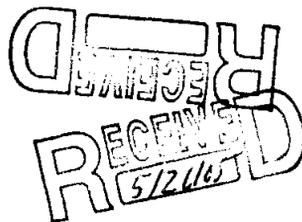
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Respectfully Yours,

Tabitha March  
an ENMU student

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June 1, 2005

BRAC Commission  
2521 So. Clark St., Suite 600  
Arlington, Virginia 22202

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- Consider the strategic response time for protection of the BWXT Pantex, Bell Helicopter and all other heavy industrial facilities in the surrounding area.
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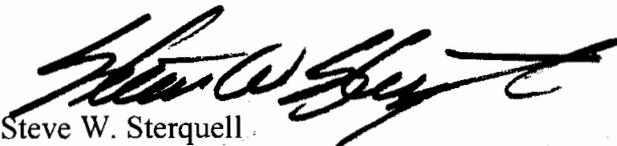
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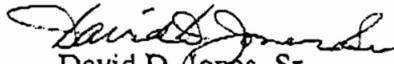
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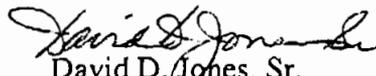
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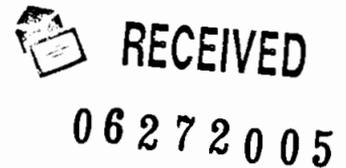
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Respectfully,

  
David D. Jones, Sr.  
LTC(R), US Army  
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June 20, 2005

BRAC Commission  
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2521 S. Clark Street  
Arlington, VA 22202

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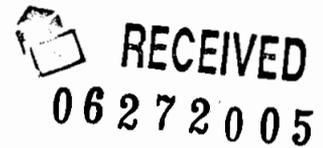
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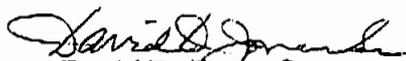
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May 24, 2005

BRAC COMMISSION  
2521 S. Clark St.  
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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;

*Kenneth P. Lacey.*  
KENNETH P. LACEY

cc:

*The White House*

*Gov. Bill Richardson  
Santa Fe, NM*

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*Senator Pete V. Domenici  
238 Hart Senate Office Bldg.*

*Senator Jeff Binagman  
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Allen R. Stata, Ph.D.  
321 Diamondhead Dr.  
Clovis, NM 88101

Harold W. Gehman Jr.  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 S. Clark St.  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Adm. Gehman:

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Second, C.A.F.B. has a modern facility with a good runway structure, control tower, and mission/ training support facilities. There is plenty of room for base expansion should national defense needs require expansion.

Third, the base housing and modern local military family housing complexes provide a good quality of life for Air Force personnel and their families. These facilities are well integrated into the local communities. Similarly, our local community infrastructure is mature and is substantially geared to meeting base needs. Our cost of living is quite low here and our climate is rather pleasant with mild winters and summers tempered by our 4,000' altitude and very low humidity. Most of the year is ideal flying weather although we do have enough cloud development and convective activity to facilitate air and air-to-ground training missions. As a plus, the local population overwhelmingly supports the continued presence of the Air Force, C.A.F.B. and its missions.

Thus I submit that CAFB is an important and cost-effective base in our national defense system which should be continued in operation.

Yours

  
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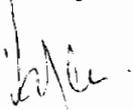
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BRAC Commission  
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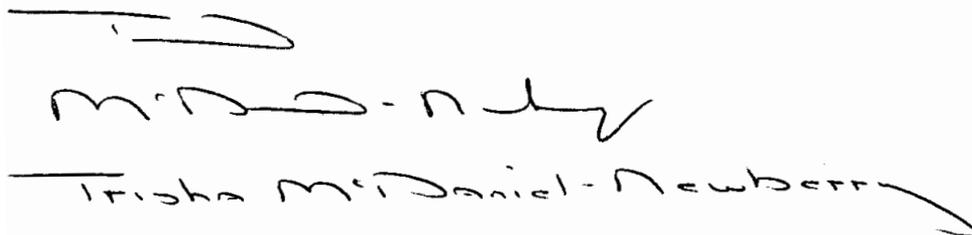
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Whether or not Cannon's military value has been recognized yet in Washington, out here we really appreciate the base. The local community has been uniquely supportive, donating time and land to promote the base's needs. We have also welcomed the personnel. 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 please to reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to my community. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,



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May 24, 2005

BRAC COMMISSION  
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;

cc:

*President George W. Bush  
The White House*

*Gov. Bill Richardson  
Santa Fe, NM*

*Senator Pete V. Domenici  
238 Hart Senate Office Bldg.*

*Senator Jeff Binagman  
703 Hart Senate Office Bldg.*

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1414 Longworth House Office Bldg.*

May 20, 2005

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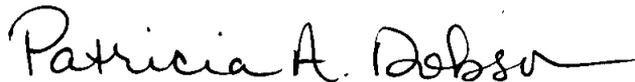
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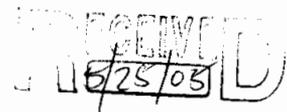
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Kyleen R. Willis  
762 Southern Hills Pine Road  
Portales, NM 88130

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My family and I are very concerned about the BRAC Commission's decision to close Cannon Air Force Base.

We do not think the Commission is aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers for our national defense. To name just a few Cannon offers an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues, the airspace to fly at supersonic speeds, year-round flying weather and the Melrose bombing range is seconds away from Cannon.

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Respectfully yours,

*Kyleen R. Willis*

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Brenda Wiggins-Gonzales  
1704 South Avenue B  
Portales, NM 88130

May 20, 2005

The Honorable James V. Hansen  
BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

The Honorable Hansen,

I would like to take a moment of your time to write and express my concern about the BRAC Commission's decision to close Cannon Air Force Base.

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The surrounding communities support Cannon unlike any other in the country, and would impact on the area greatly if this base were to close. There is a huge military retiree population (including West Texas) who rely on Cannon for healthcare, grocery shopping and more.

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I ask that you please reconsider your decision, take another look at all the facts, and recognize the support our communities and surrounding areas have to prevent Cannon Air Force Base from closing.

Respectfully Yours,

  
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Please feel free to call me if you need further information.

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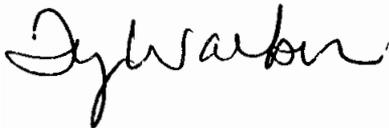
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Belinda Hilliard  
906 W. 17th St.  
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Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr.

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Please reconsider your decision and keep Cannon open.

Sincerely,

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Shannon Hearn  
1283 Colonial Parkway  
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Please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision.

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Carolyn Parkinson  
312 S. Ave. F  
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Cannon has the ability to play a very important part in our country's defense. The location of Cannon is an ideal place for defense training of the F-22, Joint Strike Fighter, and other military aircraft.

I am a very concern citizen about our country's defense and the protection of our country and I believe that Cannon can and will play and have a vital part in the defense of our country.

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*Carolyn Parkinson*

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Kathie Rolston  
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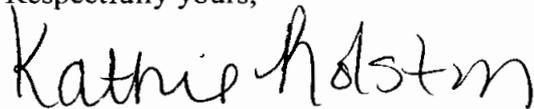
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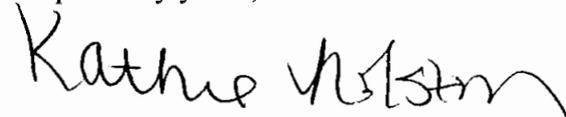
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762 Southern Hills Pine Road  
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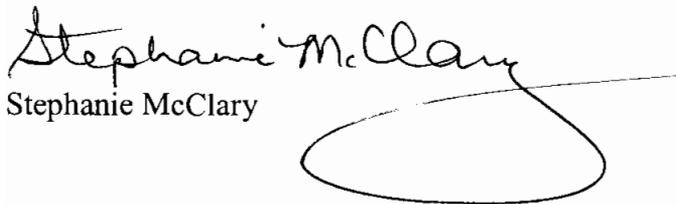
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THE HONORABLE PHILIP COYLE,

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TEXAS. WE CONSIDER CANNON PART OF US.

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PLEASE RECONSIDER ALL THE FACTS BEFORE MAKING  
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RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

Viviano R Archuleta

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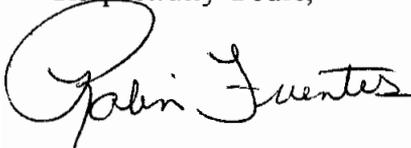
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May 20, 2005

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Respectfully Yours,



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cc:

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The Honorable Philip Coyle  
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May 19, 2005

Simon N. Chavez  
P. O. Box 831  
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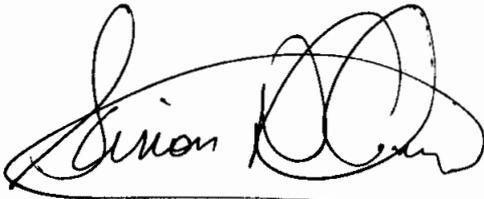
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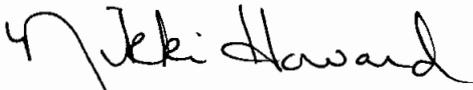
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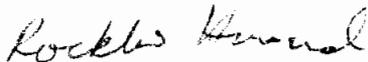
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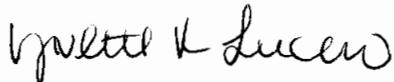
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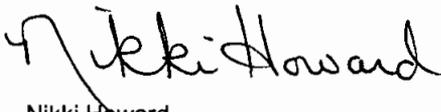
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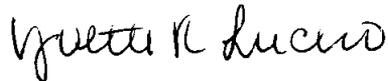
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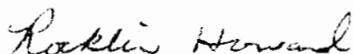
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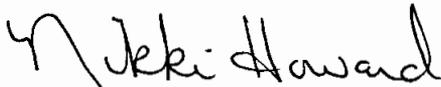
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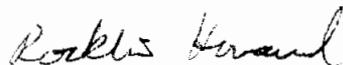
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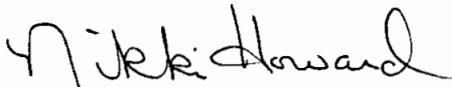
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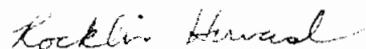
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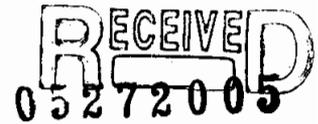
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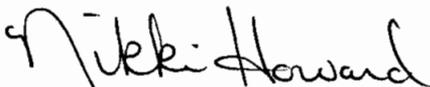
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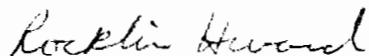
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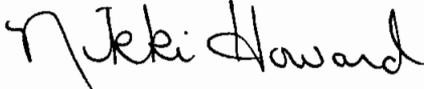
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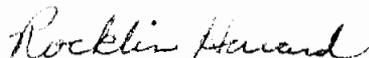
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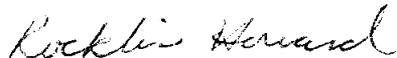
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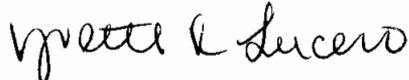
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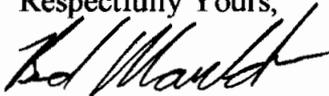
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One last thing, the closing of Cannon would be devastating to the economy here. Please reconsider all the facts before making your decision.

Thank you so much for reconsidering. I know you will review the facts and see that it would be a mistake to close Cannon Air Force Base.

Sincerely,



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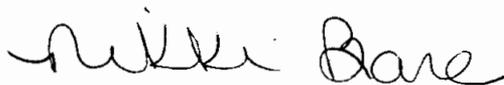
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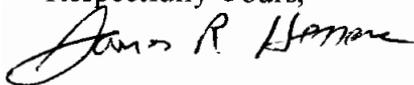
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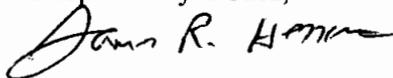
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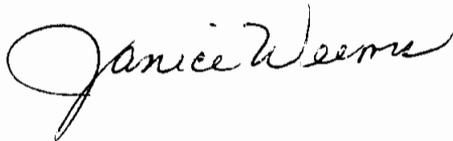
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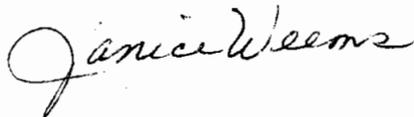
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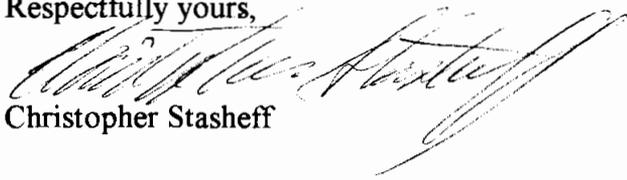
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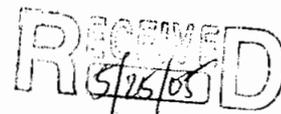
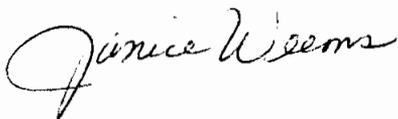
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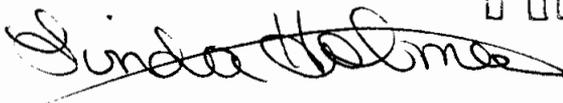
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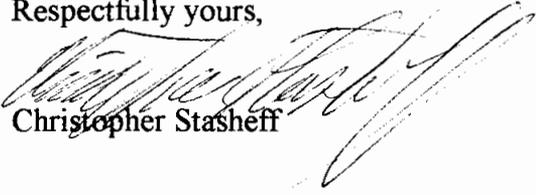
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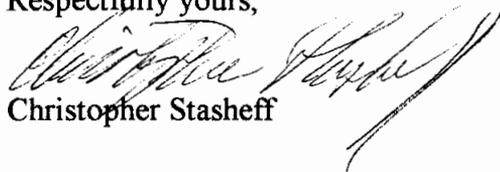
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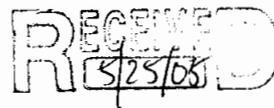
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As a member of the administration of Eastern New Mexico University, I know that the closure of Cannon Air Force Base will adversely affect the education of the local citizens, including the public schools, Clovis Community College and ENMU. The negative economic impact is not even able to be calculated at this point in time, but it will be considerable.

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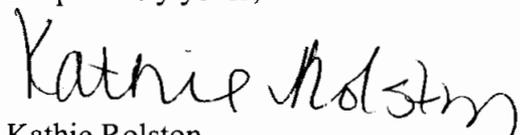
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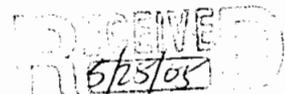
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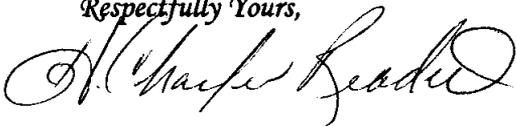
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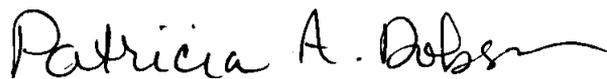
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Carolyn Parkinson  
312 S. Ave. F  
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The closing of Cannon will have a great impact on our education facilities Eastern n New Mexico University, Portales, Clovis, and Clovis Community College.

Cannon has the ability to play a very important part in our country's defense. The location of Cannon is an ideal place for defense training of the F-22, Joint Strike Fighter, and other military aircraft.

I am a very concern citizen about our country's defense and the protection of our country and I believe that Cannon can and will play and have a vital part in the defense of our country.

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*Carolyn Parkinson*

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The local communities have supported Cannon over the last 50 years. This included more than just Clovis, NM. The support is throughout eastern New Mexico and West Texas. Many retired military people settled in this area because of Cannon AFB, so they could have access to healthcare, commissary and more. There is not another installation close by to serve retired military.

The closure of Cannon will also have negative impact on our economy. It has been estimated that the area will lose at least 20% of its workforce, plus the ripple effect that it will have on our public and higher education systems.

Please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision.

Sincerely,

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May 20, 2005

Judy Shearer  
2107 W. Beech St.  
Portales, NM 88130

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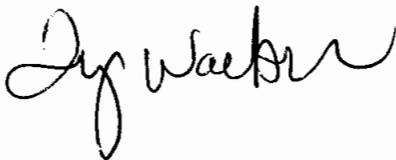
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Kyleen R. Willis  
762 Southern Hills Pine Road  
Portales, NM 88130

Brigadier General Sue E. Turner,

My family and I are very concerned about the BRAC Commission's decision to close Cannon Air Force Base.

We do not think the Commission is aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers for our national defense. To name just a few Cannon offers an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues, the airspace to fly at supersonic speeds, year-round flying weather and the Melrose bombing range is seconds away from Cannon.

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Department of Theatre and Dance  
Eastern New Mexico University  
Portales, New Mexico 88130

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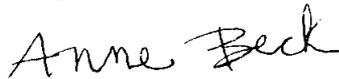
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The closure of Canon will have a devastating impact on our communities and our state of New Mexico. We treasure the people of Canon and need to keep them as part of our region—for the growth of our sparsely populated state and for the good of our local region.

Please do reconsider all the facts before making your final decision.

Respectfully,



Dr. Anne Beck

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Caid N. Riggin  
PO Box 1027  
Portales, NM 88130

May 20, 2005

BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear BRAC Commissioner;

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I do not believe the Commission is fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues, a bombing range that is only seconds away, not to mention the fact that Cannon does not have the criteria provided for base closure.

My family and I moved to Portales almost 3 years ago, and have found that Portales/Clovis is a very warm and accepting community. We were also surprised to see the amount of the growth that is going on especially in Clovis. From what I understand we have an opportunity for Sam's and Target to come to Clovis; probably not if the base closes.

I am just now getting on my feet and able to purchase properties in Clovis so we can renovate and put on the market – do you have any idea how closing Cannon will hurt us – not just us, but the entire area including West Texas? Do you even care?

My wife works at Eastern New Mexico Universtiy and the closing of Cannon will have a very negative impact on education throughout the area including public schools, Clovis Community College and Eastern New Mexico Universtiy.

Please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision.

Respectfully Yours,



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Honorable Anthony J. Principi  
BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Honorable Anthony J. Principi,

I am very concerned about the BRAC Commission's decision to close Cannon Air Force Base. I was born and raised in Clovis, New Mexico and feel very hurt if they loose CAFB.

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Please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision, and don't forget we are in the middle of a war and this would be devastating to close CAFB at this time.

Please feel free to call me if you need further information.

Respectfully Yours,



Olympia Chino  
1607 N. Main  
Portales, NM 88130  
505-356-2114

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Wendel Sloan  
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May 19, 2005

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It has been estimated that the closing of Cannon will cost the communities in the area the loss of several jobs, percentage-wise (20 percent), more than any other area in the country. The economic impact in the area with the sudden inflation in consumer goods prices and the deflation in property values will be harsh on families living in the area. Military retirees and their families who make up a good part of the surrounding population are dependant on the services which Cannon supplies.

Please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision.

Respectfully Yours,



Shannon Hearn

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Debbie Cordova

1621 Hammett  
Clovis NM

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Dear Commissioner

Harold W. Gehman JR.

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The impact of closing CAFB on our community would be dramatic. Cannons' public affairs office has said there are more than 4,000 active-duty members and civilians at the base, including 270 officers and 3,201 enlisted airmen. It is estimated that Cannon is directly responsible for 20 to 26 percent of the areas' jobs. The population of Clovis is approximately 33,000 persons. Clovis voters have always built and maintained schools to serve all of our citizens including military dependants. Clovis Community College is where many spouses of active-duty personnel receive associates degrees in areas including nursing, radiology technician, and construction. Just twenty miles away is Eastern New Mexico University. Both of these institutions have classrooms at CAFB for the betterment of the military family. Wayland University of Plainview Texas also holds classes in the Clovis community and at CAFB. Presbyterian Hospital and local health related groups have invested \$60,000,000.00 in recent years to meet the needs of base personal and our local citizens. Clovis has much to offer any person living here.

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Debbie Cordova

Brian Foster  
17 Pased Village  
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Sincerely,

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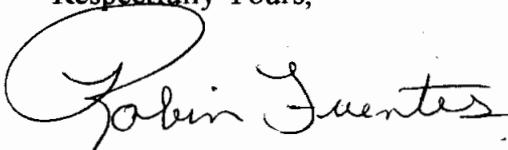
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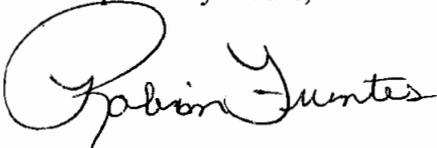
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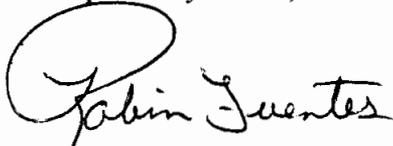
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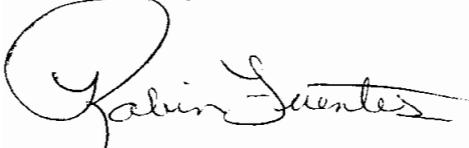
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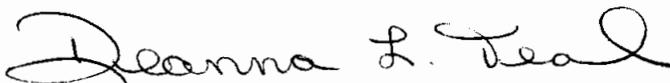
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I do not believe that Cannon fits the criteria provided for base closure. Once the New Mexico Training Range Initiative is in place pilots will be able to fly at supersonic speeds during training. Cannon also has the space and facilities to accommodate joint warfare training and readiness and ample space/ramp space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations.

Curry County has purchased air easements around Cannon in conjunction with the State of New Mexico, purchased land north of the base for housing, purchased land west of Cannon for instrument lighting on the alternate runway and has given it all to the Air Force for Cannon.

According to the Department of Defense, Clovis would be the hardest-hit community on the BRAC closure list as far as the percentage of projected job losses from the local economy. As much as 26% of employment in Curry County alone is traced to Cannon with a loss of \$173 million in gross-receipts taxes annually which does not include Portales where 250 airmen and their families make their home. It has been estimated that the closing of Cannon will cost this area the loss of more jobs, percentage-wise that any other area in the county having a severe ripple effect on the economy of the entire state. Clovis/Portales are small communities and Cannon Air Force Base is so much a part of our lives. I was even born there in the early 60's.

I implore you to please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Susan Glenn

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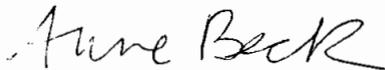
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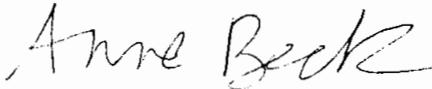
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Please do reconsider all the facts before making your final decision.

Respectfully,



Dr. Anne Beck

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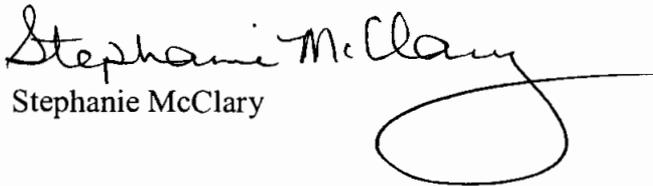
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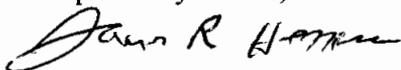
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221 Wicks  
Clovis, New Mexico  
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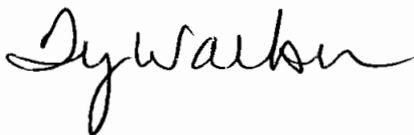
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Belinda Hilliard  
906 W 17th St.  
Portales, NM

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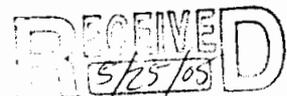
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I believe that closing CAFB will have a disastrous effect on the surrounding communities. Clovis and Portales will suffer long-term hardship financially as well as spiritually.

Please reconsider your decision and keep Cannon open.

Sincerely,

Belinda Hilliard



May 19, 2005

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ENMU 3107  
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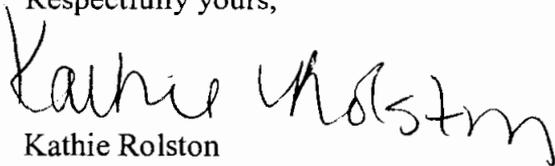
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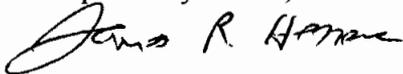
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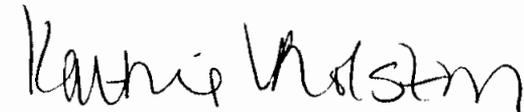
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Shirlene Peters  
234 Dora Ave A  
Portales, NM 88130

May 19, 2005

Dear Honorable James V. Hansen,

After hearing that Cannon Air Force Base is on the BRAC list I felt that I needed to write to tell you a few things that maybe you have overlooked about Cannon.

Cannon has many unique attributes that it offers to our national defense. Not only is there year-round flying weather in the area, it is only seconds away from the bombing range. It has an abundance of air space with no encroachment issues and the pilots are able to fly at supersonic speeds.

Cannon has ample space/ramp space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations. They have space and facilities to accommodate joint warfare training.

Our community purchased the land north of Cannon and gave it back to the Air Force for the building of the alternate runway.

The closing of Cannon will have a negative impact on public schools, Eastern New Mexico Universtiy and Clovis Community College, not to mention the blow to the economy of the entire state and West Texas.

Maybe your criteria does not fit Cannon. Mr. Hansen, please give Cannon a second thought.

Respectfully Yours,



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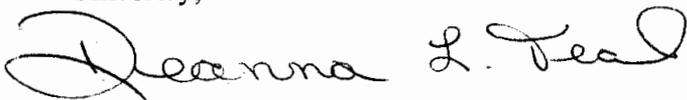
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deanna L. Teal".A rectangular stamp with the word "RECEIVED" in large, bold, capital letters. Below the word, the date "5/15/05" is handwritten in a smaller font.

5-20-2005

Nikki Bare  
1024A West 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
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James O Charon  
128 N.M. Dr.  
Poertales New Mexico

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bombing range ~~is~~ only seconds away,  
and ideal flying weather year round.  
I cannot understand how we can save  
money by closing the base when so much  
money has been poured into new construction  
in the last few years. \$

The closure will have a devastating effect  
on the local economy

The people of Cannon are our friends  
& family

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Harold D. Willis, Jr.  
762 Southern Hills Pine Road  
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The Honorable Philip Coyle,

My family and I are very concerned about the BRAC Commission's decision to close Cannon Air Force Base.

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*The local community purchased land west of Cannon and gave it back to the Air Force for the installation of instrument lighting on the alternate runway at the base.*

*The entire area, including Amarillo and Lubbock, is home to a large military retiree population. These retirees rely on Cannon for healthcare, grocery shopping and more. There is not another installation close by to serve retired military.*

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*Respectfully Yours,*

*H. Charles Reader*

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Renee A. Hendrix  
620 South Avenue A  
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The closure of Cannon would severely impact the entire area, including Amarillo and Lubbock, as it is home to a large military retiree population. My husband and I are both disabled veterans who utilize the base for our shopping needs. It has been estimated that the closing of Cannon will cost the area the loss of more jobs, percentage-wise, than any other in the country. Plus, the ripple effect caused by the removal of Cannon on our public and higher education systems.

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Respectfully Yours,

*Renee A. Hendrix*

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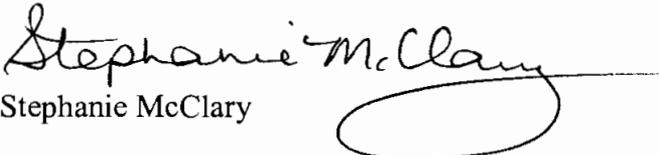
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In addition the relationship between Cannon and the surrounding area: Clovis, Portales, West Texas and others, is unlike any other installation in the country. We consider Cannon a part of our family.

The closing of Cannon will have a severe ripple effect on the economy of the entire state and West Texas with ripple effects being felt throughout the education field including the public schools and Eastern New Mexico University and Clovis Community College.

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Respectfully Yours,



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DCN: 3480

Betty Deaver

716 W 15th St

Portales NM 88130

Admiral Harold W. Gehman Jr:

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I am also concerned about the negative economic impact this closing would have on our area.

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Betty Deaver

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Betty Dever  
716 W. 15th St.  
Pueblo NM 88130

Brigadier General Sue E Turner:

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Respectfully yours,  
your fellow American  
Betty Dever

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Ms. Linda Holmes  
ENMU 2302  
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2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
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My family and I moved to Portales almost 3 years ago, and have found that Portales/Clovis is a very warm and accepting community. We were also surprised to see the amount of the growth that is going on especially in Clovis. From what I understand we have an opportunity for Sam's and Target to come to Clovis; probably not if the base closes.

I am just now getting on my feet and able to purchase properties in Clovis so we can renovate and put on the market – do you have any idea how closing Cannon will hurt us – not just us, but the entire area including West Texas? Do you even care?

My wife works at Eastern New Mexico Universtiy and the closing of Cannon will have a very negative impact on education throughout the area including public schools, Clovis Community College and Eastern New Mexico Universtiy.

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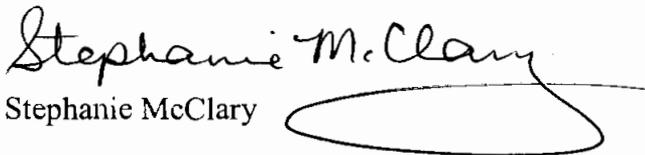
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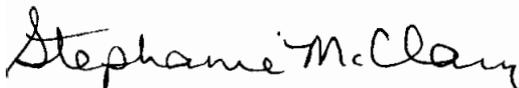
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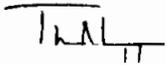
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Mary M. Gardels  
637 S. Roosevelt Rd. P  
Portales, NM 88130

Admiral Harold W. Gehman Jr.,

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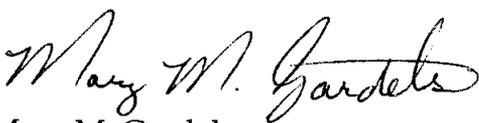
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I have lived in Portales, New Mexico most of my life and Cannon has always been a calming neighbor. I know my family and I are safe with Cannon next door to us. I look up at the sky and see the planes at night and am able to sleep without fear.

Cannon does not fit the criteria provided for base closure as it has ample space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations.

I will personally pray for you and your ability to make a difference in keeping Cannon Air Force Base open.

Respectfully yours,

  
Mary M. Gardels

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**Portales Concrete, Inc.**  
**2010 South Roosevelt Road 6**  
**Portales, NM 88130**  
**505-356-8021**

May 23, 2005

BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

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Please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision to shut down CAFB!

Sincerely,



Tommy Heflin  
President

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**TO: BRAC Commissioners**

**DATE:** May 23, 2005

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I feel that our area is such a good place for military families to live.

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Signed Betty Downey

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Arlington, Virginia 22202

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I am writing this letter to try, in some way, to convey the importance of the strong, 50 year relationship with the Cannon Air Force Base, and the community of Clovis New Mexico. In the early 90's, Curry County, in conjunction with the state of New Mexico, purchased air easements around Cannon Air Force base and GAVE them to the Air Force. This was done to protect that air space from encroachment, and was an important issue for the Air Force. The local community also purchased the land north of Cannon Air Force base and GAVE it back to the Air Force for additional housing, now known as Chavez manor. Within the last few years, our community purchased land west of Cannon Air Force Base and GAVE it back to the Air Force for the installation of instrument lighting on the alternate runway at the base. Leaders within our community spear-headed the effort to expand and convert the air space to supersonic capability through the New Mexico Training Range Initiative.

As you can see, our community has a unique relationship with Cannon Air Force Base. We remain strong , and will continue to support the efforts to keep the closure of the base from happening. Please take in to consideration, the points I have discussed, when making your decision.

Sincerely,



Crystal Chavez

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Nichole Renfro  
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*W* Wanda Newberry • PO Box 832 • Portales, NM 88130

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May 20, 2005

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I do not believe the Commission is fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include an abundance of air space, a bombing range that is only seconds away, the airspace to fly at supersonic speeds, and ideal year-round flying weather, among many others.

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Please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision.

Respectfully,

*Wanda Newberry*  
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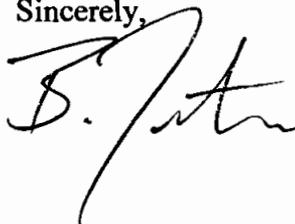
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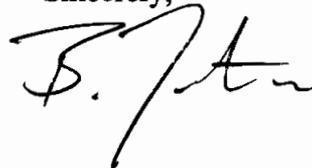
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The closure of Cannon will also have a devastating impact on our economy. It has been estimated that the area will lose at least 20 percent of its workforce, plus the ripple effect that we will have on our public and higher education systems.

Please reconsider all the facts before making your final decision.

Respectfully,

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