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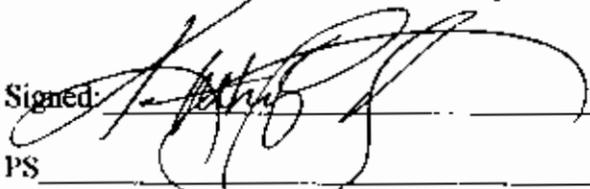
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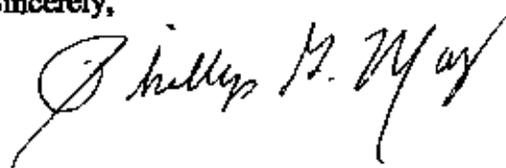
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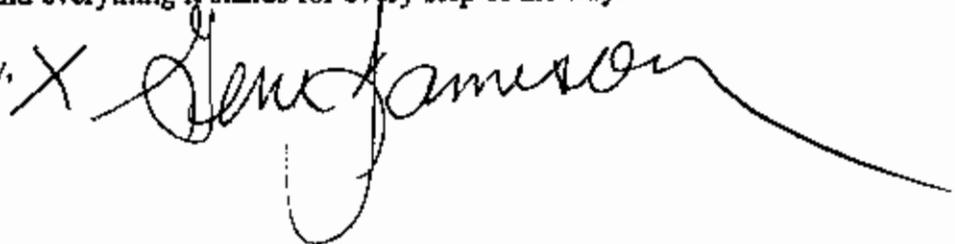
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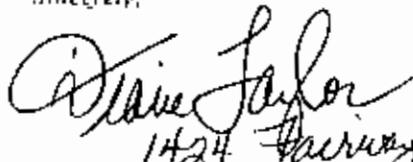
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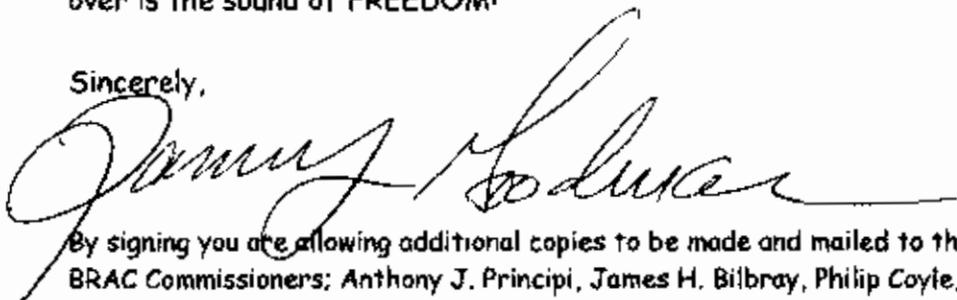
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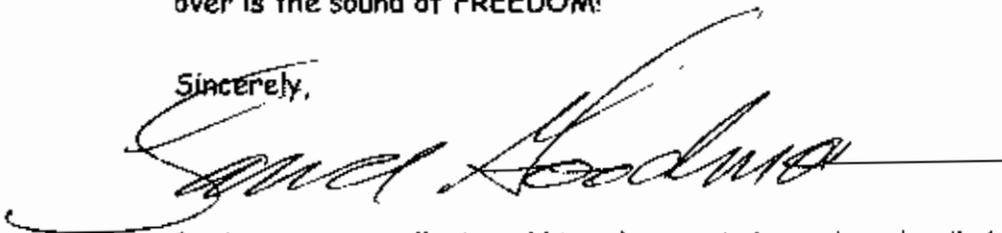
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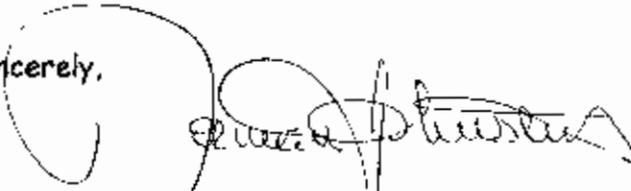
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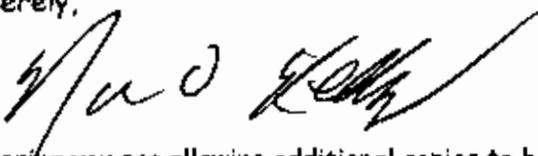
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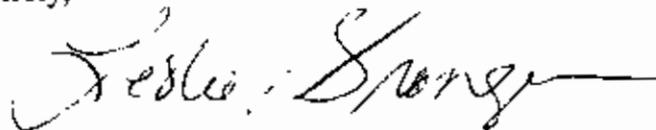
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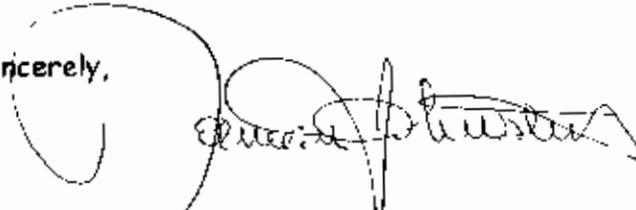
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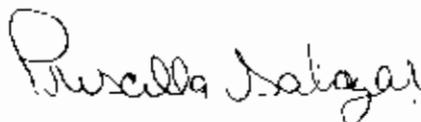
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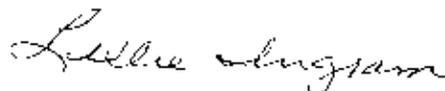
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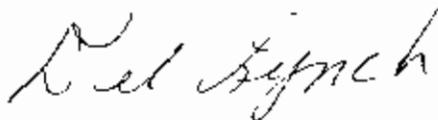
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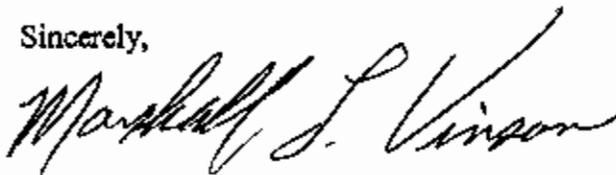
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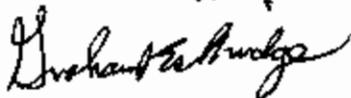
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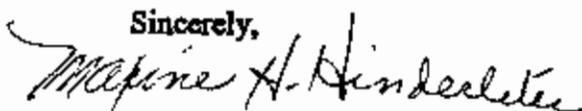
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**Signed**



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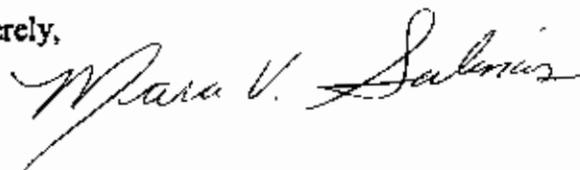
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May 24, 2005

BRAC COMMISSION  
2521 S. Clark St.  
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Re CANNON AIR FORCE BASE ON CLOSURE LIST

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS:

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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 am looking forward to attending your meeting in Clovis next month.

Sincerely:

Dulbea Montoya  
1000 Cypress St. Clovis  
763-1004

cc:

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The White House

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Santa Fe, NM

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## KEY COMMUNITY FACTS:

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- Expansions to Clovis Community College and Eastern NM University—classes offered on base
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- 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
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Signed:                     *Russ Dykes*                    \_\_\_\_\_PS \_\_\_\_\_  
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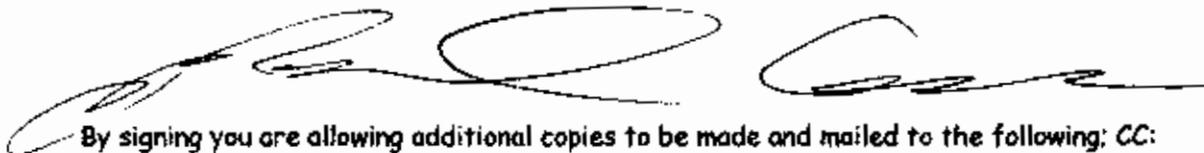
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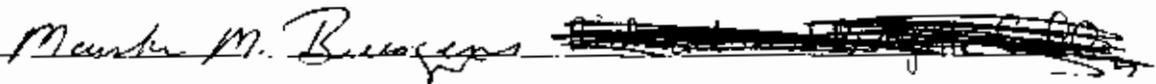
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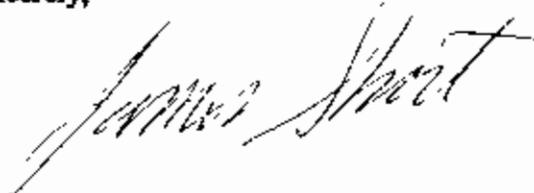
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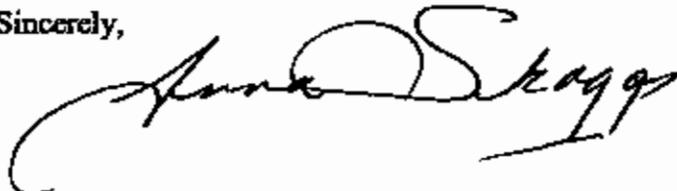
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- Melrose bombing range is seconds away
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- Large military retiree population within a 150 mile radius

KEY COMMUNITY FACTS:

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- Many new housing developments are providing housing needs
- New restaurants, building suppliers, and retail businesses adding to the established base
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- Military discounts offered by local businesses
- The best schools and teaching staff in NM
- A Christian-based community that is family oriented and caring
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Signed: Leita M. Jewett \_\_\_\_\_

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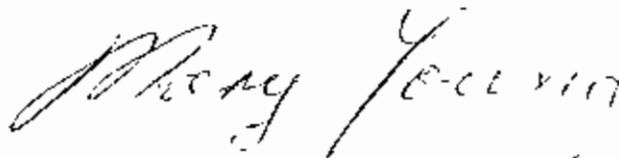
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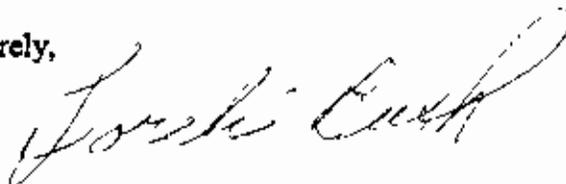
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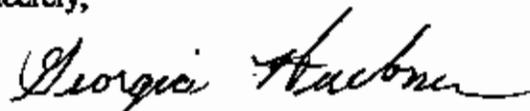
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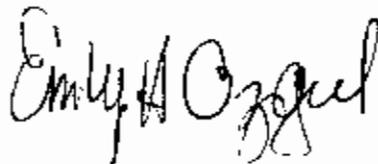
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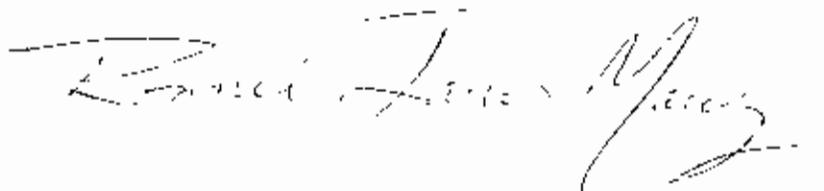
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Dear BRAC Commissioners:

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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 to please reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to my community. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

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(signature and address)

*Bill Dally*  
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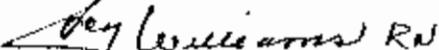
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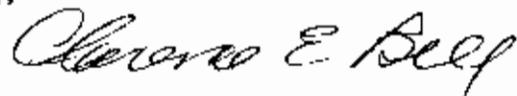
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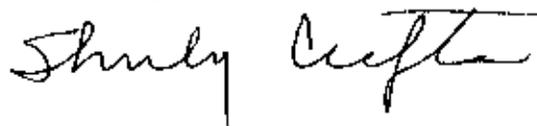
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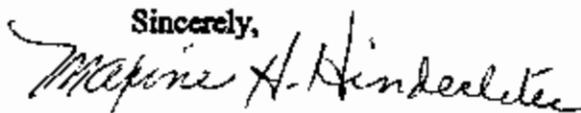
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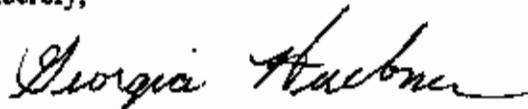
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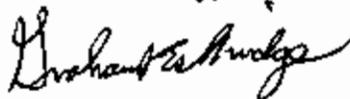
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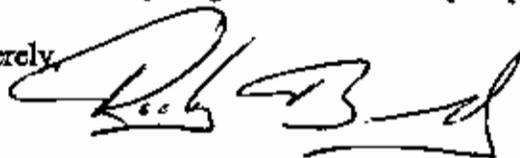
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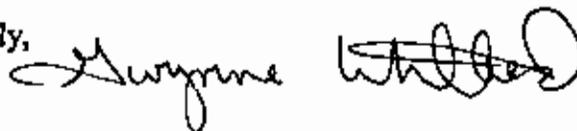
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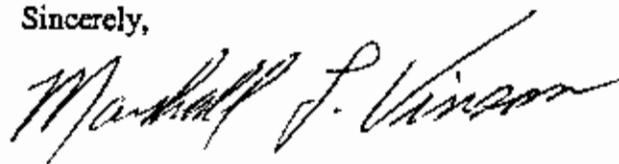
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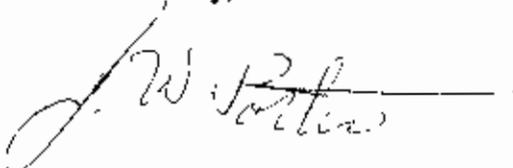
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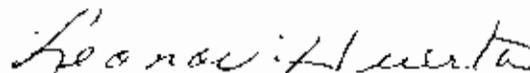
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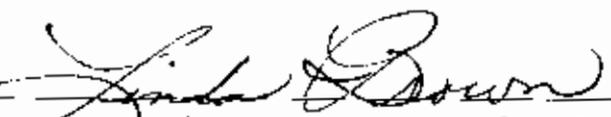
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- Melrose bombing range is seconds away
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- Support of training missions for F-22, F-35, Joint Strike Fighter, etc
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- Large military retiree population within a 150 mile radius

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- Expansion and new industry is providing job opportunities for spouses and children
- Many new housing developments are providing housing needs
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- A Christian-based community that is family oriented and caring
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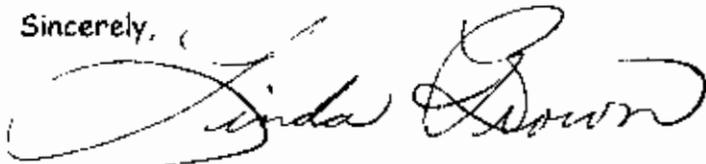
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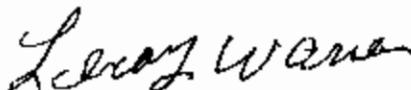
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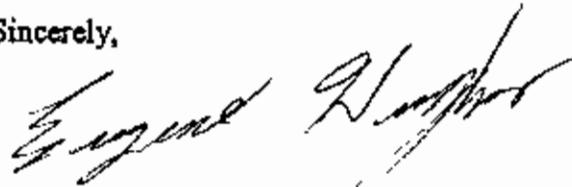
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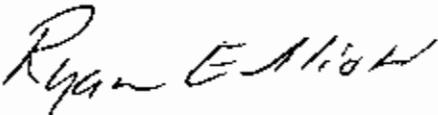
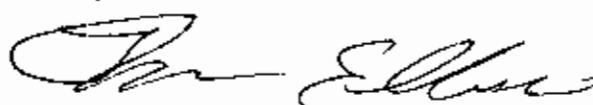
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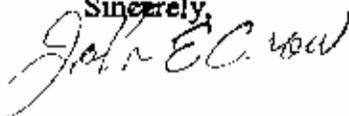
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From: Skip Overdier  
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Subject: Cannon AFB

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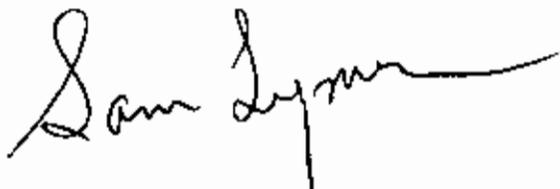
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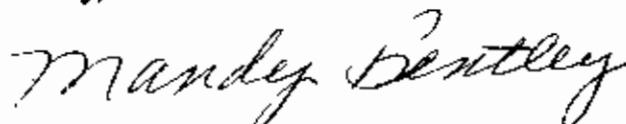
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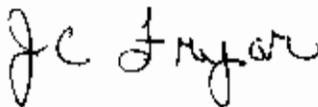
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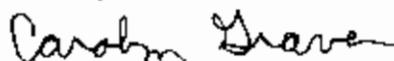
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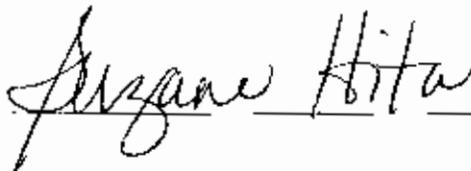
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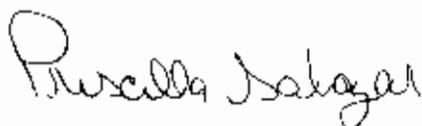
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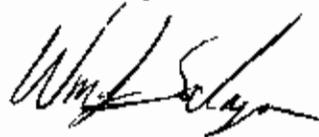
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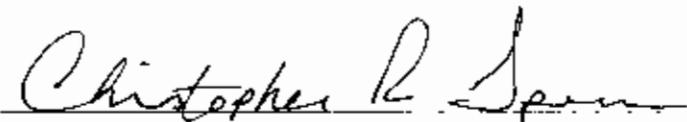
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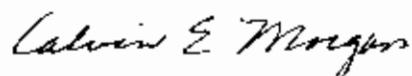
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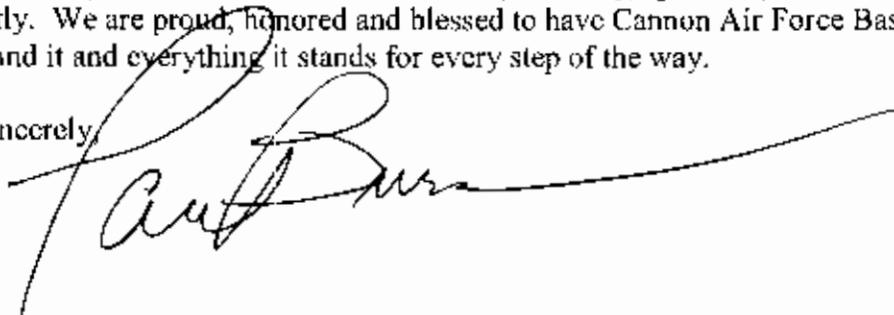
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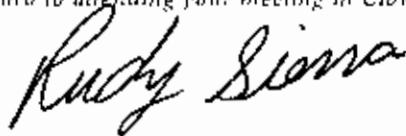
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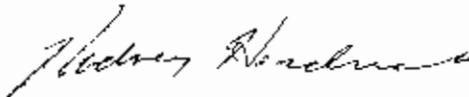
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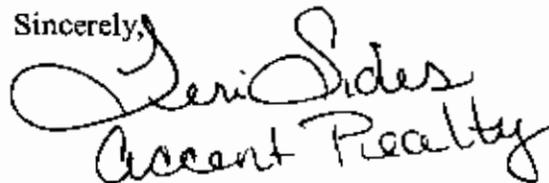
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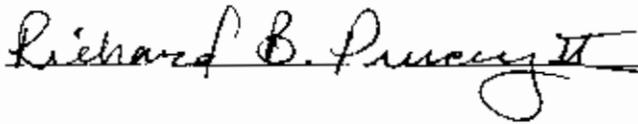
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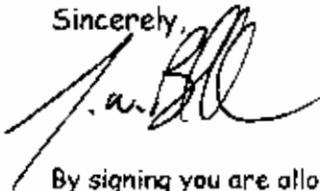
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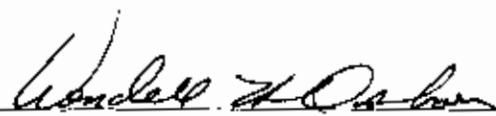
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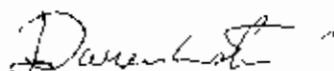
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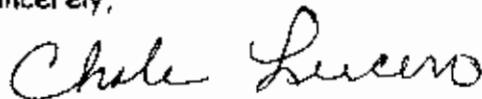
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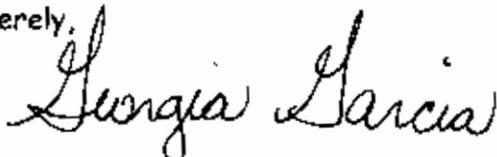
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Signed:

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*Charles H. ...**517 Tucker Ave Clovis**Keep CAFB*

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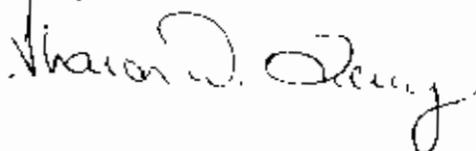
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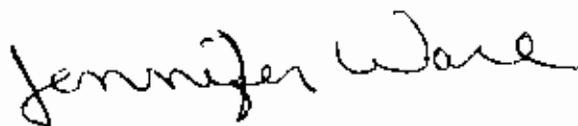
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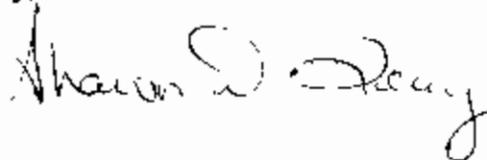
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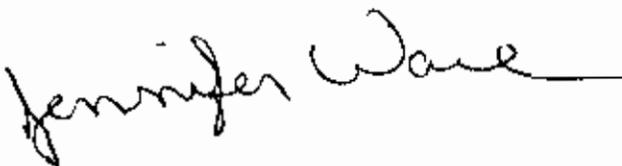
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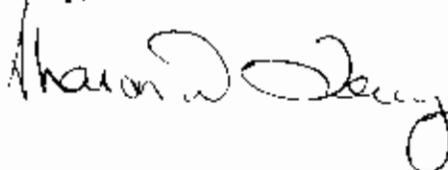
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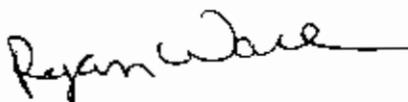
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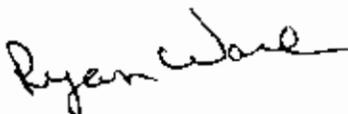
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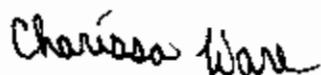
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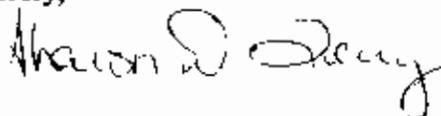
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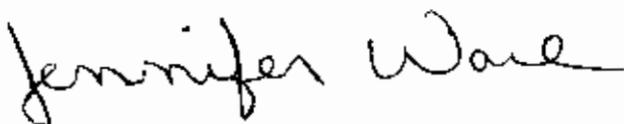
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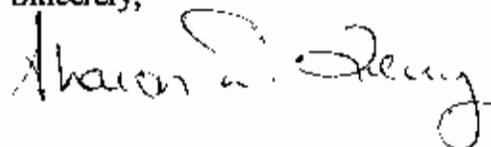
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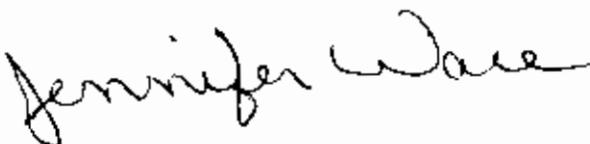
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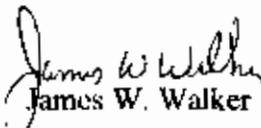
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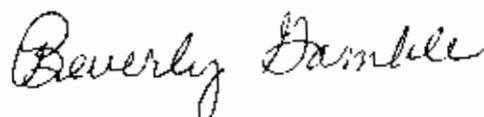
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2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
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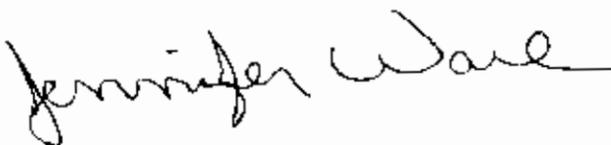
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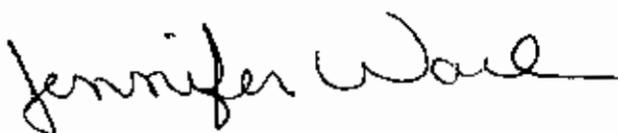
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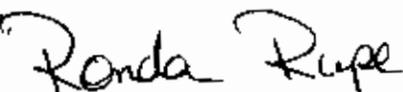
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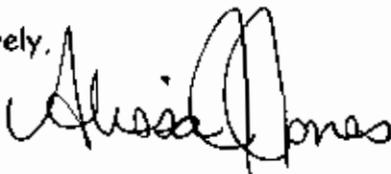
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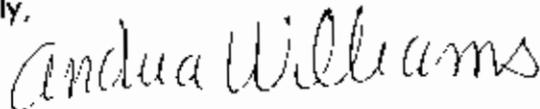
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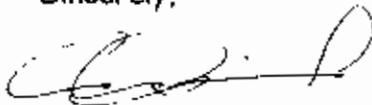
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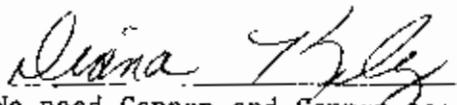
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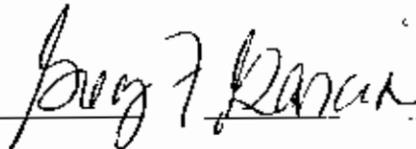
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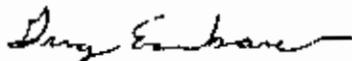
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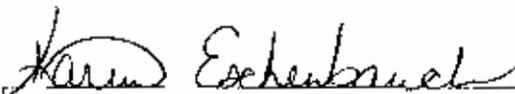
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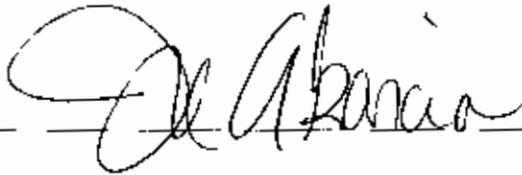
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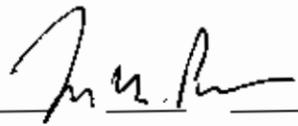
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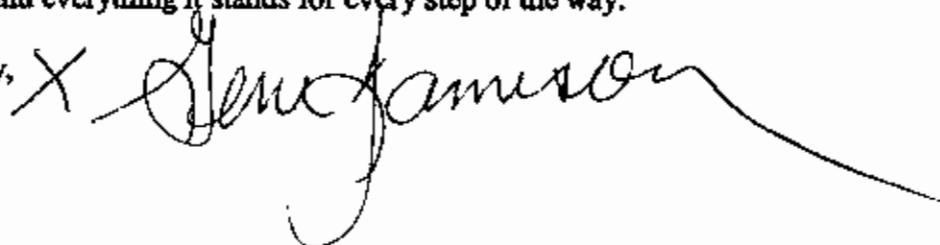
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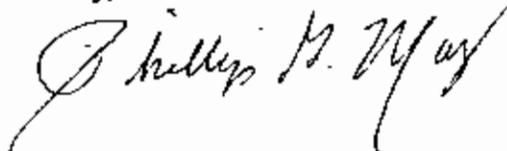
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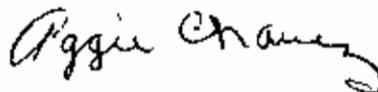
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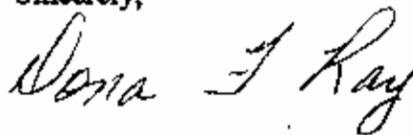
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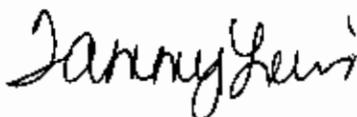
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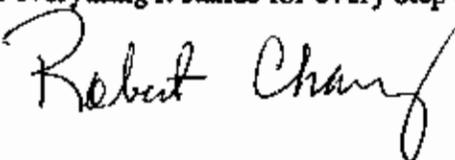
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2523 S. Clark St.  
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It will be very devastating and far reaching for us, even closing one of our schools that mostly children of CANNON attends.

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

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*505 769-1015*  
*Beant Taylor*  
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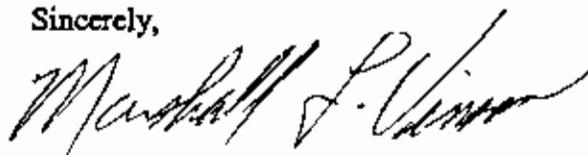
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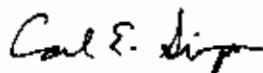
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I invite you to come personally to the Cannon hearing in Clovis. I ask you to please reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to my community. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

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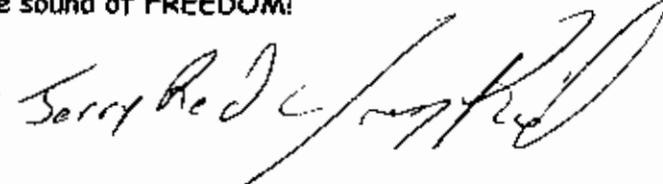
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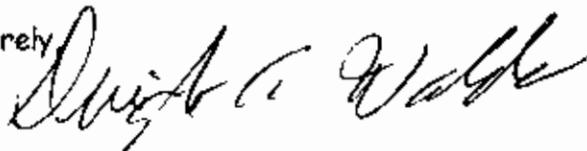
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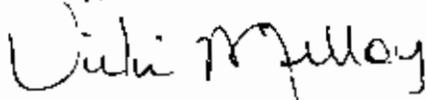
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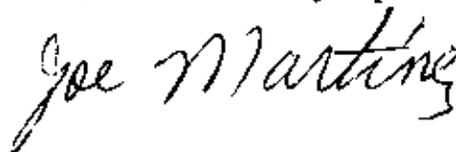
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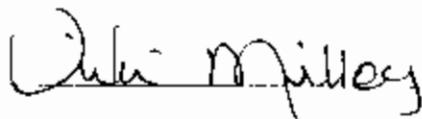
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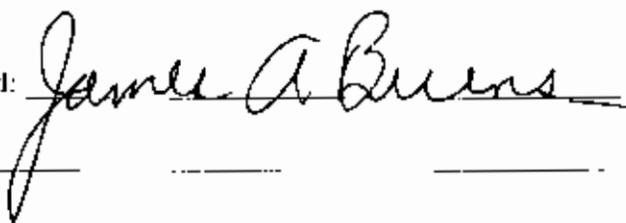
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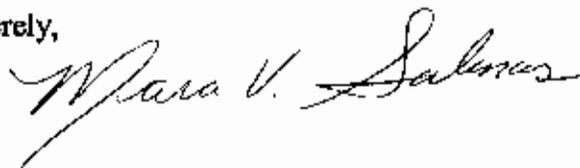
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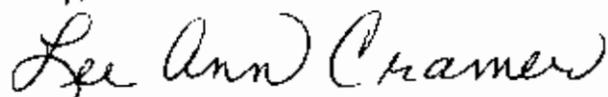
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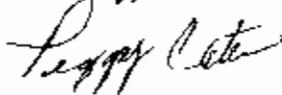
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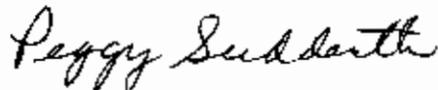
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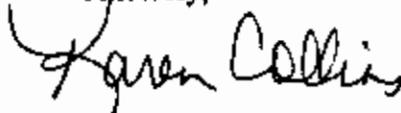
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Whether or not Cannon's military value has been recognized yet in Washington, out here we really appreciate the base. The local community has been uniquely supportive, donating time and land to promote the base's needs. We have also welcomed the personnel. 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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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!

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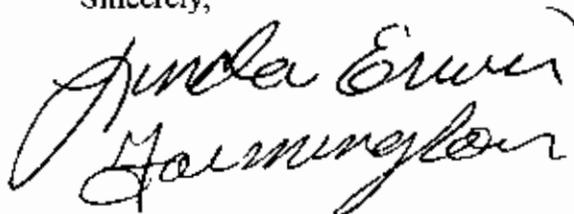
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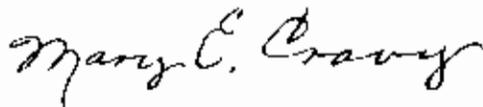
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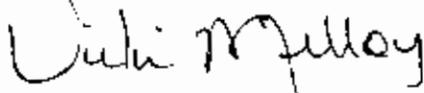
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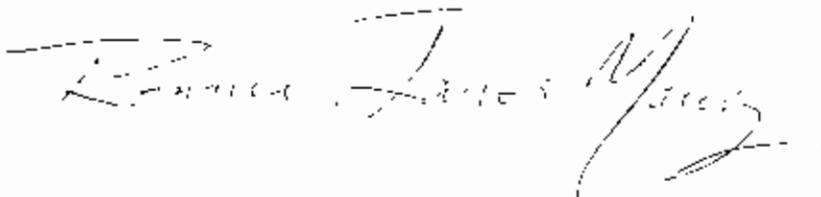
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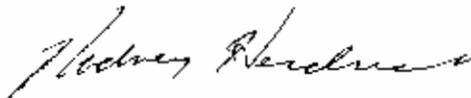
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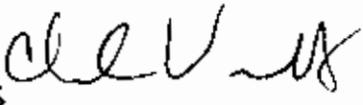
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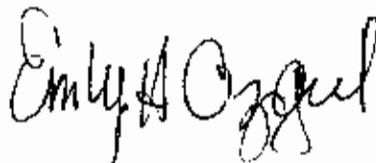
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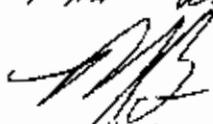
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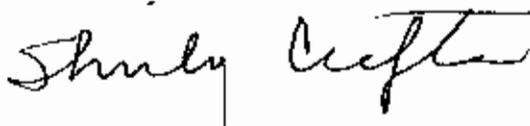
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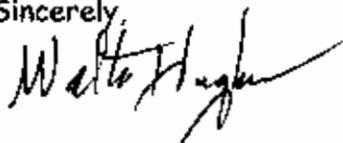
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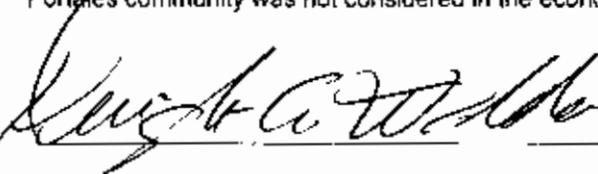
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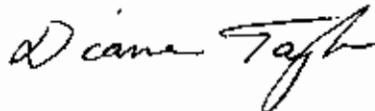
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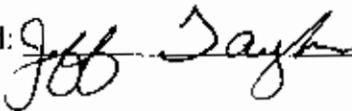
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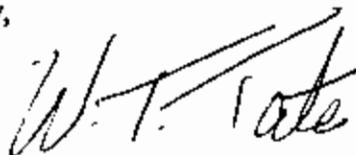
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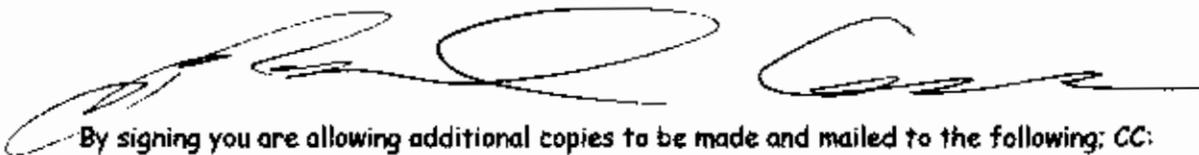
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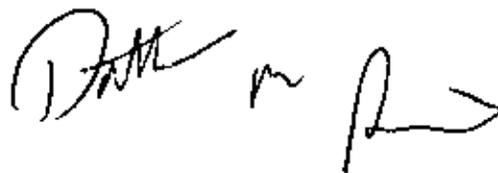
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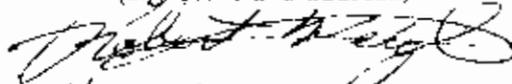
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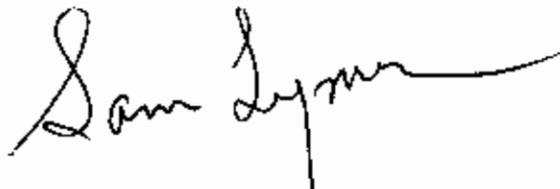
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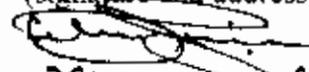
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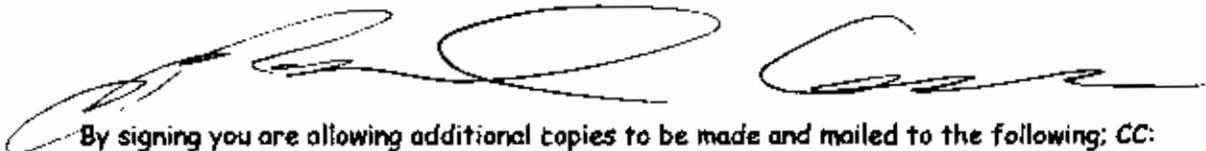
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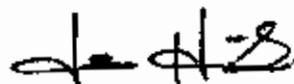
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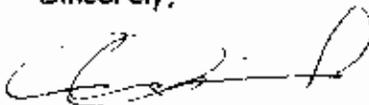
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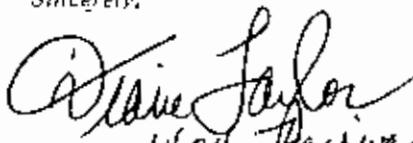
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I'm looking forward to attending your meeting in Clovis next month.

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cc: 1424 Fairway Terrace, Clovis, NM

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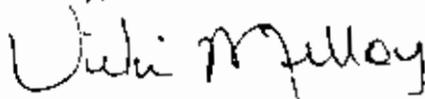
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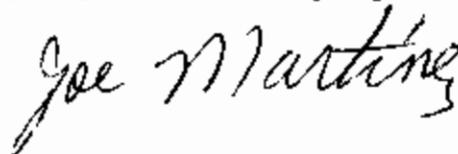
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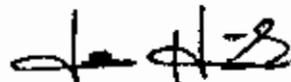
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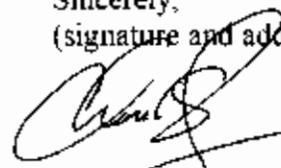
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*Janie Mendoza*  
712 E 13th  
cc: Clovis NM 88101

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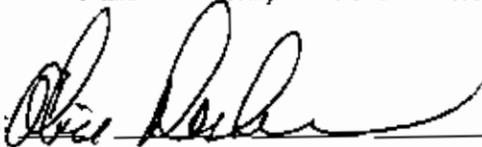
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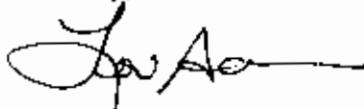
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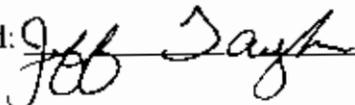
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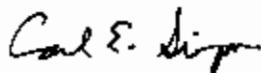
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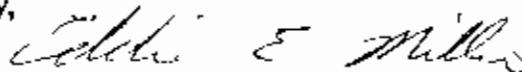
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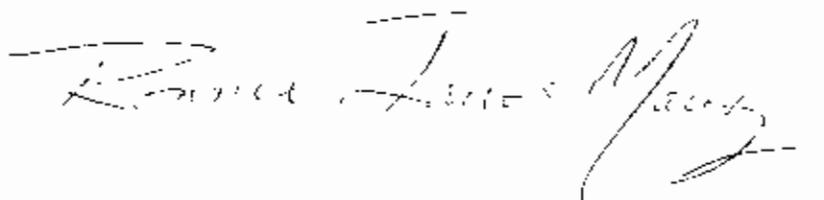
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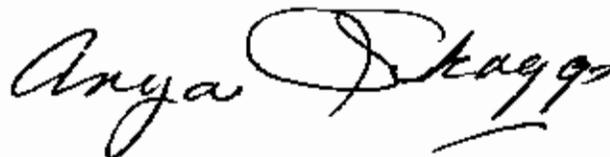
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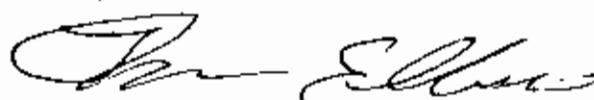
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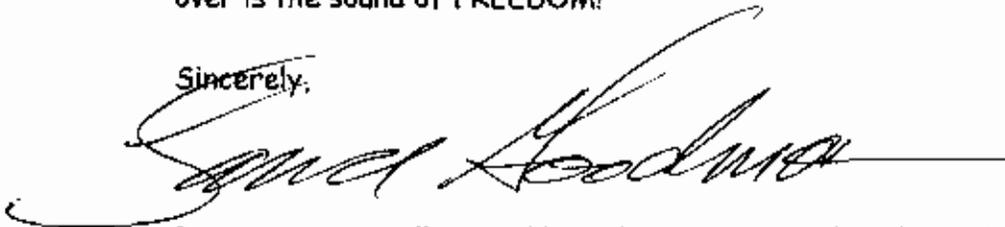
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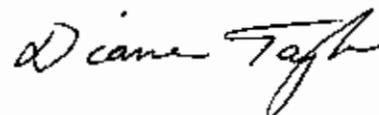
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