

1948 Fairway  
 Clovis, N.M. 88106

Dear Gen. Turner,

My husband and I are retirees who  
 moved back to Clovis. We are very  
 concerned and surprised Cannon is  
 on the BAAI list.

The climate here affords year round  
 training and flying, the bombing  
 range is nearly part of the base and  
 without encroachment. This community  
 is very welcoming and receptive to  
 military people - as are Amarillo, TX  
 and Lubbock, TX. As a retired air  
 force General, I'm sure you're very  
 aware of the bases superior assets.  
 I would appreciate your consideration  
 of all these.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann West

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1748 Fairway  
Clovis, N. M.

Dear Mr. Principi,

I'm writing in regard to  
Canon being on the BRAC list.  
I know many others have pointed  
out the obvious assets here - wonderful  
climate, the space and facilities  
to accommodate training and readiness,  
the air space and non-interaction  
on the base.

Clovis has always had a welcoming  
and appreciation of the military. I came  
here as a child at the beginning of World  
War II with my dad at the railroad  
battalion camp. We came back after  
the war and my husband and I came  
here after retirement. Please consider

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the assets of Cannon compared to  
any other bases.

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jobs and higher education opportunities to residents  
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In addition, ENMU will lose 20 percent of its  
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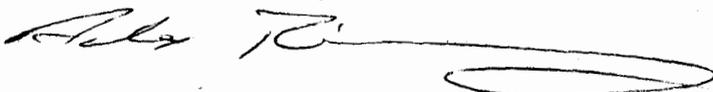
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As a resident and student of the Portales and Clovis area I am very concerned for the BRAC Commission's decision to close Cannon Air force Base.

I personally do not feel that the Commission completely understands how much the Base impacts Clovis, Portales and surrounding towns and civilians. The Base has provided several job opportunities for town residents and given many people the opportunity to obtain a higher education at Eastern New Mexico University. It has been estimated that the area will lose at least 20 percent of its workforce. In addition the enrollment at ENMU will also decline. As a student I am concerned with the raises in student tuition and fees due to the facts stated above.

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Stephen Frost

227 S. Ave K

Porrales NM, 88130

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I am concerned about the recent decision to close Cannon  
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I am also concerned about the local military veterans  
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I do not believe that the Commission is aware of the devastating impact this closure will have on our community. Projections show that this closing will result in a 20% reduction of the areas workforce.

Cannon has also been very well supported by the community over the years. The local community has given grants of land to the Air force base, and has come to view Cannon as part of our family.

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I sincerely hope that the Commission will consider some of the benefits that Cannon Air Force Base offers to our U.S. defense system, and to our local community in particular.

First of all, the placement of the Cannon Air Force Base is perfect, providing year-round training possibilities, and making Cannon the perfect candidate to support future training missions for the F-22, Joint Strike Fighter, and other military air craft. Second, the Melrose bombing range is seconds away from Cannon. Third, Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint warfare training and readiness.

All military details aside, Cannon has had an incredible impact on local community. The relationship between Cannon and the surrounding area is warmer than anywhere else in the country. The closing of Cannon will cause a 20% decrease in jobs in Portales/Clovis area; moreover, this will have a severe effect on the economy of entire New Mexico and West Texas. As a student, I'd like to point out the

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Stephen Frost

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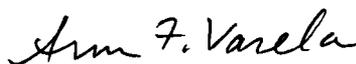
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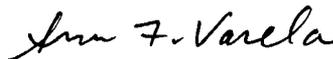
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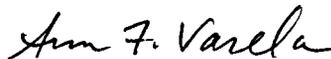
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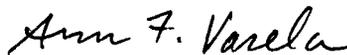
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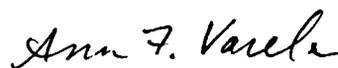
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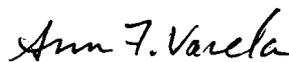
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to begin with.

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Signed Michael J. [unclear]

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PS: On a personal note,

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**TO:** BRAC Commissioners

**DATE:** May 30 - 2005

**SUBJECT:** Reconsider and take Cannon AFB off the closure list

My Husband and I have lived in  
Closed New Mexico all our lives  
We are Senior Citizens.

We own the Mirador Apartments.

We have 39 apartments, over

1/2 of our tenants are at Cannon AFB

Cannon AFB is a blessing to us

and all of Colonial N.M.

**Signed** Mr + Mrs M & B Bell

**PS:** On a personal note,

Please let Colonial N.M. keep Cannon AFB

Dear, James Bilbray.

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Thank you for your time and consideration to KEEP CANNON.

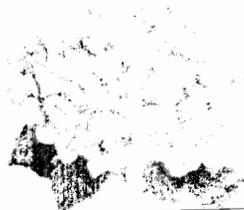
Sincerely,

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**JUL 13 2000**

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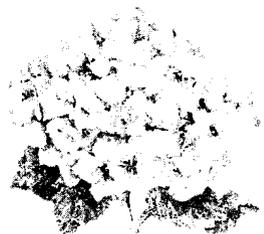
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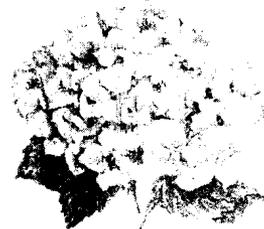
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June 9, 2005

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Yours truly,  
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Yours truly,  
Hilda Roberts

DEAR HONORABLE SAMUEL X  
SKINNER,

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I AM WRITING THIS IN REGARD  
TO THE CLOSURE OF CANNON AFB,  
NM. I AM A RETIRED USAF MEMBER  
AND HAD WANTED TO LIVE THE REST  
OF MY LIFE IN CLOVIS, NM. IF  
THE BASE CLOSES, ~~WILL~~ ME AND MY FAMILY,  
AS WELL AS SEVERAL HUNDRED RETIREES  
WILL BE FORCED TO RELOCATE IN ORDER  
TO RECEIVE MANY OF OUR BENEFITS.

THIS ALONG WITH SEVERAL MILLIONS  
OF LOST REVENUE TO THE COMMUNITY  
WILL BE CATASTROPHIC TO CLOVIS AND  
THE SURROUNDING AREA.

I PLEA WITH YOU TO REMOVE  
CANNON AFB FROM THE BRAC LIST.

REGARDS

BOB LAHVE

R. *John*

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06-13-2005

To the Honorable James I. Harbo

This letter is in regard to the impending closure of Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico. I ask you to examine all the facts carefully. Please listen to all the facts pertaining to decisions.

We are ordinary people. I don't pretend to have military knowledge. But just with common sense and logic I can see the wisdom in keeping Cannon Air Force Base open.

The Melrose bombing range is very close to the base - all the wide open air space - educational opportunities - community support.

Please keep Cannon open - working to keep America safe.

Larissa J. Metzger  
Larissa Metzger

To General Lloyd W. Newton

This letter is in regard to Cannon Air  
Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico

My husband and I ask you to listen  
to the pleas of the community and to all the  
facts presented

We are ordinary people using logic and  
common sense. We do not pretend to know all  
the facts you need to make an intelligent decision.  
We have great concerns about the safety for  
the American people.

There are many reasons to keep Cannon  
open. The nearness of the bombing range - the  
available air space - community support.

Please keep Cannon open working to  
keep our nation safe.

Barbara Method  
Lynne Method



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To General James T. Hall,

This letter is in regard to Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico.

Please leave Cannon open and working to keep our country safe.

There are many, many reasons that will be presented to you on why you should keep this base open. Please listen with an open mind and I hope you will see your way to keeping Cannon open.

Thank you for your time.

Barbara J. Methos  
Laryza Methos

To the Honorable Samuel K. Skinner:

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We ask you please listen, really listen  
to all the facts that will be presented to you.  
Please consider with logic and common sense  
all the facts

My husband and I are ordinary people.  
We do not even pretend to know all that is  
needed to make a decision such as this but we  
do have concerns for the safety of our country.  
With the world in such a state of violence I  
feel it would be a dreadful mistake to close  
this base.

Please consider the nearness of the bombing  
range - all the available air space - a  
supportive community - educational benefits  
available

Please keep Cannon Air Force Base open  
working to keep our nation safe.

Barbara J. Method  
Lanaya Method

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To the Honorable Phillip Coyle

My husband and I are writing to you regarding the impending closure of Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico.

We are aware of many reasons we feel should be considered before making such a decision. The bombing range in Melrose - the air space available - the supportive community - the economic impact to a large area.

Please review all the facts presented and I hope you vote to keep Cannon operational - Working to keep America safe

Barbara Whitcomb  
Laraya Method

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June 6, 2005

2 Orchard Lane  
Bath, Me. 04530

BRAC Commission  
Polk Building  
Arlington, VA. 22202

Mr. Anthony J. Principi,  
Chairman

Dear Sir:

Maine people have a reputation for common sense and frugality, which is true, for the most part. It is from that standpoint that I write today.

It does not make sense to Maine people to build a new, state-of-the-art airfield hangar at Brunswick Naval Air Station, for millions of dollars, designed to accommodate the P-3 replacement aircraft, make extensive runway improvements, modernize other facilities and then transfer practically all personnel and aircraft to Jacksonville, Florida. At Jacksonville, millions more have to be spent on a crowded facility to handle the influx and bring things up to standards.

This leaves the whole heavily populated Northeastern U.S. wide open to anything that comes along in these uncertain times. Brunswick Naval Air Station, in its strategic location near Europe and the North Atlantic, could be important to the defense of the country. If the Defense Department is anxious to save money, how can this be a way to do it?

Thank you for taking the time to consider this letter. Sincerely,  
Heraldine N. Coe

The 2005 BRAC Commissioners  
Philip Coyle

Clovis N. M.  
May 23, 2005



Dear Sir:

I believe Cannon Air Force Base has the potential of remaining in service. Please consider our year around good weather flying time, we have the air space, no encroachment and the Malrose Bombing Range close by, new runways, housing on base and off base housing across from the base and fairly new housing in Clovis and Portales.

The Cannon Air Force Base is open for expansion - maybe newer planes or a home for service people returning from duty to a different location and training.

The retired military do their shopping at the C. A. F. B. Commissary and hospital visits on a weekly or monthly trips coming from Lubbock, Amarillo, Mullshoe Texas, Tucuman, Logan, Hobbs, Roswell, Ft. Sumner, Portales + Clovis - a 150 mile radius.

Last but not least, we accept the C. A. F. B. and personal with open arms, they are our friends + neighbors and we make a great family.

I thank you for your time and please re-consider keeping Cannon Air Force Base in operation.

P.S. Personally I've lived here for 42 years and I still love hearing them fly! They're doing their job!

Sincerely  
Heraldine Poffett  
1013 York Dr  
Clovis N. M. 88101

The 2005 BRAC Commission  
Lloyd "Big" Newton



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May 24, 2005

Dear Sir:

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Last but not least, we accept the C.A.F.B. and personal with open arms, our neighbors and friends. Joining together make one big family.

I thank you for your time very much and hope you will reconsider keeping our Cannon Air Force Base operational.

P.S. Personally  
I've lived in  
Clovis 42 yrs. and  
I still love to see  
& hear them every  
day they fly.  
They're doing their job!

Sincerely  
Geraldine Gantt  
10132 park Dr.  
Clovis NM 88101

To whom it concerns to close  
Cannon base, we shouldn't close it



They have done alot for us like our  
Graduation, Field day and other days  
they mean alot to everyone so don't  
close it down. They bring money to the

Schools and other places. They donate  
stuff to us and everything so don't shut  
down cannon. If you shut it down it  
would hurt alot of the family's  
in Cannon and around that  
area.

Thank you

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area.

Sincerely

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Dear Sir

I would like to say something  
about Cannon please do not close  
Cannon because there will be a lot of  
Bers going out of Bers. I like to say  
that my family and I feel safe  
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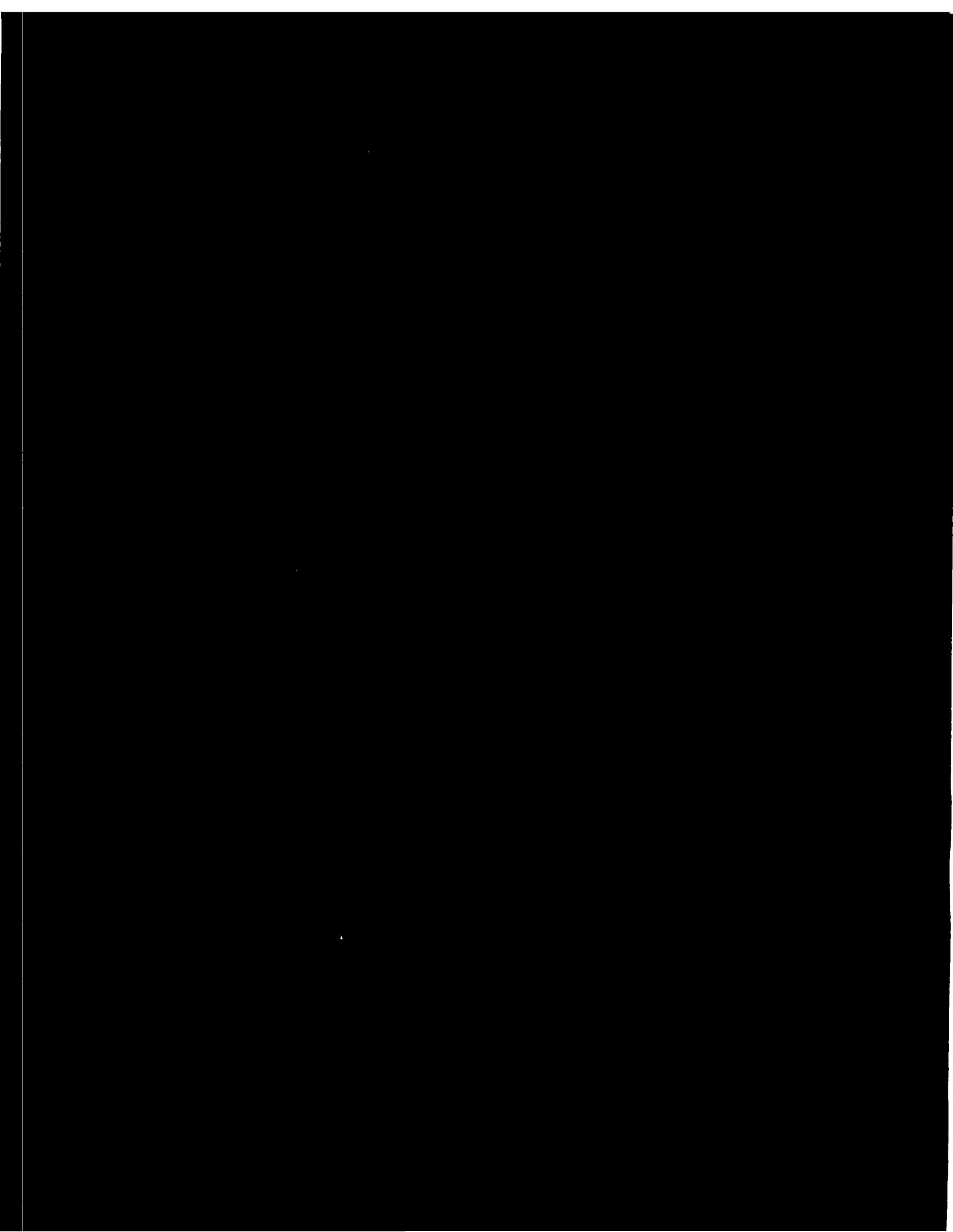
Thank you  
God Bless

The Lopez Family

1032 Mockingbird Ln.

Clovis N.M.

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Jessica

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Dear BRAC commmission

I am writing  
to let you know  
why you should  
not close Cannon  
AFB they help  
us with lots of  
school activities like  
kinder garden graduation,  
health and fitness day  
and Cesar Chavez  
community clean-up day  
they also taught us about the  
US flag

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Dear BRAC Commission

The people of Clovis would like you to keep Cannon. They have made signs, buttons, and bumper stickers. We would like you to have one put on your car. Thank you for coming to see the Base and the town of Clovis New Mexico. I don't know how much it will hurt the community but I do know they are really worried. So take a look and see what you can do. If you do close the base can you help the community of Clovis with the loss of money.

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To whom concerned.

I'm a resident of Chavis, New Mexico I've been here for 40 years. I was a dependent of a former AFB years ago until my father retired. Back in its good days, like the base being here, but now, I think Cannon is a disgrace to the arm forces and its time to leave. If the Bras commission would just look back at its past crime record you'll see what I'm talking about. Cannon is living a living rep of bad discipline.

THANKS

Yours Truly

CONCERNED

resident

P.S  
Kiddy Porn  
is out and it  
the people love it  
here the condone it.  
(porn)

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Clovis, NM 87108/2005

June 8, 2005

Dear James H. Bidbey,

My husband and I are asking you to reconsider and take Cannon AFB off the closure list. We have great weather that allows almost year round flying conditions and unlimited flying space. The Melrose bombing range is just seconds away for training. They now have new and larger runways for the planes at Cannon. The city of Clovis has always been ready to help and support the Cannon families and have invited them into our schools, churches, our homes and our hearts.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bunie R. Gilliland

Jenny Gilliland

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June 9, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

I know that there is a lot of reasons for why the base should stay open military wise, but I believe that it means even more to the community. The base helps alot of different people in this area by hosting the air show which helps instill pride into our armed forces, helps us grow our economy & provides us a sense of security.

People in Clovis & the surrounding area have grown accustomed to the base & its personal in which we have been able to sponsor local events for. A larger community may not be impacted as much as we personal & financially.

For the younger airmen & airwomen Clovis & the surrounding area may not offer much for entertainment but that ~~is~~ could be a good thing, for that might prevent certain bad behavior. As for the older personal Clovis is an excellent community to live in, start a family, & retire in. We are a very religious area & are very proud of our military & in this day and age is a very rare combination. We as a community would ask you the BRAC Commission to please save our base.

Sincerely,

Lance Franklin

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Dear Sirs,

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Your committee is getting thousands of letters from us and other endangered bases across the globe - thank you for reading this!

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Cannon Air Force Base is our community! Yes, we have dairy, farming and a university but most of us are supported by the AD, dependents, retirees and veterans who are in this community because of CAFB!

I am a retired Army Nurse who retired in Clovis because of Cannon. I am the director of a Home Health Care who services the people who are here because of Cannon! If CAFB closes I will move from this community. Please reconsider!

John James L. BSU  
US Army Retiree

June 9, 2005

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

I am writing concerning the issue of Cannon Air Force base in Clovis, New Mexico being on the closure list. I was stunned, as was our entire community, that Cannon was on the list.

We love and support Cannon Air Force base and I feel it has more support and acceptance from our community than any other base. It was amazing to me that Luke AFB was not on the list because the citizens want that base closed, Luke has encroachment issues - which Cannon does not have - but the word is that it was political and you did not want to mess with Senator McCain. I hope that is not true.

Cannon does not fit the criteria

for land closure. CFB has the  
ability to do training year round  
because of the weather. The  
Netherlands Bombing Range is located  
away from CFB and they don't  
have to waste precious fuel going  
somewhere else to train. CFB  
has won awards too numerous to  
mention, but they operate on the  
highest level.

Closing Carbon Air Force Base would  
have a devastating affect on our  
community. News reports say  
our community would be the  
the hardest hit community in  
economically at all the bases in  
Mississippi. What a terrible  
thing to do to our community after  
we have purchased air plants  
around CFB and then GAVE them to  
the Air Force, then the community  
purchased land by CFB and then  
GAVE it to the Air Force for housing,  
then the community purchased  
new land by Carbon to water  
lighting on the alternate runway and  
then GAVE it to the Air Force, and

leaders in our community spearheaded an effort to expand and convert the air space to supersonic capability. CA7B has the ability, space and facilities to expand for training, fighting, and emergency situations.

Please reconsider Cannon Air Force Base, look at the actual facts and keep Cannon and our community together so that we can both grow.

Thank you.

Dalea Brader  
404 Diamondhead  
Clovis NM 88101

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June 10, 2005

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman  
BRAC Commission

Dear Chairman Principi,

With all due respect, I believe Cannon  
was put on the list for closures in error!

Cannon should be expanding, Not  
Closing!!

We have an abundance of air space  
and no encroachment issues. The  
bombing range is seconds from the  
runways. This saves fuel, making  
Cannon a more cost-effective base to  
keep open.

Even if they choose to phase out the  
F-16's, Cannon would be a perfect  
base to support future training  
missions for the F-22, Joint Strike  
fighters and any other aircraft!

Cannon has ample space to take  
on other missions. We also have  
almost year round flying weather.

The community and surrounding  
area supports Cannon like

NO OTHER BASE IN THE WORLD!

We Love Cannon and its people!

On a personal Note, I met and married my husband twenty four years ago at Cannon. He was stationed here eleven and a half years before we went to Germany for four years. On returning to the states, he requested Cannon because Clovis was my home and by this time, home to him also. Two years later, he retired from the air force. He now works Civil Service at the base. He would lose his job if Cannon closed.

There are many, many retirees who have stayed in Clovis because of the love and support of the Community for Cannon. Many have left the area to go to other bases, but return to Clovis when they retire because they feel so comfortable here!!

So many lives would be changed if Cannon were to close!! It would affect so many of our businesses, our schools, our churches!! The school just north of our house (about 1/4 mile) was built for the children in 801 housing north of Clovis.

There are so many retirees who would suffer if Cannon closed. My 89 year old mother would be one. I shop for her at the Commissary and pick up her prescriptions at the base.

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Ten years ago a BRAC Commission placed Kirtland AFB on the list. Albuquerque fought it and they were able to get Kirtland off the closure list. The Commission must have decided their decision to close Kirtland was a mistake! Ten years later they are still open and they must realize it was a good decision!

I truly believe you will feel the same way ten years from now if you decide to Keep Cannon Open!

We are thrilled to have you and other members of the Commission come to Clovis/Cannon on June 23+24. We believe when you see the base you will see what it means to the surrounding area and to our Country!

Sincerely,  
Barbara Slomp

In God  
**WE TRUST**

I Peter  
5:7

"Let Him have all your worries and cares, for He is always thinking of you and watching. DNV 7:10

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Dear BRAC Commission:

I have lived here all my life. I  
seen Clovis grow from dirt and  
tumbleweeds into paved roads and  
many, many stop lights. And all my  
life here Cannon AFB has been a  
part of it. It has seen more things  
than I ever have. Don't consider the  
base as a place, but as a person.  
A person who has changed the life  
of everyone who has been stationed  
here. Many people has based their  
careers on the services of the air force.  
They come to make a living, and  
they come to live. They make a home  
out of every thing the base can  
provide. They shop here have medical  
care here and they watch everything  
grow around them. My parents have  
retired from here and they depend on  
the base for everything. If you take  
the base away from them, you will  
be taking them away from me, because  
they will move to be near a base!!!  
Please reconsider your actions and  
think of all the changes no body is  
ready to face. Keep in mind that  
the base has more to offer than what  
you think. And if you keep it open

It will be able to provide more than  
any you could have ~~unlike~~ imagined  
for. I love Clovis but I also love  
Cannon. And you can't have one  
without the other! Thank you for  
your time in listening to our  
thoughts.

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TO The BRAC Commission

10 June 2005

FROM Gary McCue  
584 Rhinehart Rd  
Bellville, Ohio 44813

SUBJECT 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing and Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)

1. BRAC was created to reduce infrastructure, thus saving money. BRAC is a good thing. It is healthy for the Department of Defense and the nation as a whole. It keeps the "lid on the pot" so DOD doesn't get too big, thus eating up too much of the budget. BRAC was NOT created and should NOT be used for the Active Duty component to "gain" assets. In my opinion, and until a DOD representative refutes it, this is exactly what is occurring with the 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing in Mansfield, Ohio, as well as many Air National Guard C-130 units across the country. Whether they are closed or realigned, these units are losing their aircraft. Why is the Air Force doing this? In the mid to late 80s, Congress used appropriated funds to buy additional C-130s. The Active Duty did not want them, so the ANG and Air Force Reserve took them. We updated the fleet. Well, now that the active duty has broken, worn out aircraft, they are coming to get ours.

2. There is a process for obtaining aircraft, it's called acquisition. Please use your influence to question what is going on. Taking the "iron" from the ANG via BRAC is not the way to do business. These aircraft were appropriated for the ANG to be owned by the state Governors through the Adjutants General. Call Major General Greg Wayt or Governor Taft and ask if this was coordinated through their offices. If it was, I stand corrected and will publicly admit as much. Thank you for your time.

Very Respectfully,

  
GARY A MCCUE  
419-886-4283

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Retired Brig. Gen. Sue Ellen Turner  
BRAC Commission  
2521 S. Clark Street  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Brig. Gen. Turner,

We respect your desire to have our country's military in the best condition possible and at the same time to keep the cost to the tax payers of this country in portion. We, along with our fellow citizens of Eastern New Mexico, feel that keeping **Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico** open is in keeping with both your goals.

We feel that if you will come and take a look for yourself that you will understand why we feel this way and that you will also come to the conclusion that closing this base would be a terrible loss of resources and an added burden to the tax payers of this country in relocating and providing elsewhere what is already available here.

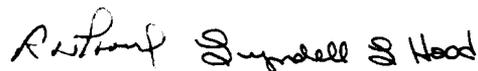
We are sure by now that others have pointed out that the available air space, the bombing range and our climate are great assets to the training and maintaining of our air forces, and that all these factors are not available together in many areas.

We have lived in this area all our lives and have known many personally over the years who were/are connected with Cannon. We have been involved with civic and business organizations for the past forty years. We have witnessed and been involved in the support of **Cannon Air Force Base**. We have friends who, after leaving the air force, have chosen to remain here. They love living here and raising their families in our small communities where there is care and concern demonstrated in our neighborhoods, schools and churches. Some are now working at Cannon in civil service positions and are extremely saddened at the thought of having to move their families elsewhere.

We would like to ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Richard D. and Lyndell L. Hood  
1425 S. Ave. B  
Portales, NM 88130

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

Commission Member,

You are receiving a tremendous amount of mail with the concerns of our local and wide-spread neighboring cities, towns and communities - concerning the closing of Cannon Air Force Base.

Cannon Air Force Base meets all the requirements for our local and national security support. Cannon has the best *location, testing and flying space, year round weather conditions, and good area relations.*

Our area in eastern New Mexico is comprised of smaller cities with little industry. Portales and Clovis are basically farming and ranching areas. Our cities depend on Cannon a great deal for economic stability and growth. Please don't take this away from us.

We live in an area which is great for living and raising families. We are not the prettiest part of the world ~ but we love it and it is 'home' to so many of us. We have Eastern New Mexico University in both Portales and Clovis, some industries, great schools and retail stores. Cannon is extremely important to all of the above.

If this base closure becomes a reality, it will be a devastating blow to our entire area. Jobs lost, property values decreased and families relocating to make a living elsewhere. We will basically be ghost-towns.

At a time in our history when terrorism is on the news daily and the threat is a huge concern for all of us, we need our protection. We need Cannon. Cannon's credentials are flawless in the success of their military missions.

Please help us keep Cannon, our employment, economic stability and our homes.

Thank you for your consideration and review on keeping Cannon Air Force Base.



JANEL HILL  
918 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St.  
Portales, N.M. 88130  
505-356-8283

# Office of the Commander

Most Lethal Warfighters —

It's always hard saying goodbye, and this is no exception. As we reflect back on our time here, Barb and I are amazed at everything you accomplished in just two years.

You went to war and returned without a scratch. You led the way during the first ever Eagle Flag exercise, exceeding all expectations. You knocked the socks off the Air Combat Command Inspector General during a limited-notice Operational Readiness Inspection, even though 25 percent of the wing was deployed. You won more 12th Air Force, ACC and Air Force level awards than I have room to list in this column. You stood up a squadron of Block 50 F-16s months ahead of schedule. You enhanced the base's security with a new perimeter fence, you improved our aviator's safety with a new Control Tower and you improved everyone's quality of life with the Lethal Country Cyber Cafe and the numerous improvements we made at the fitness center.

In sum, your accomplishments are numerous and noteworthy and you have every reason to be proud.

In addition to being proud, you can also be thankful, because we are extremely blessed to enjoy the support of the world's best community. The Committee of Fifty, the numerous Veteran organizations and the Portales Military Affairs Committee have been true friends to my family and the men and women of Cannon Force, which it comes to community support. It doesn't get better than this — our community relations are the envy of the Air Force! Please take time to thank the men and women of the local community for everything they do for us.

Finally, I want to say that change is inevitable, a fine officer and an extremely lucky man, for he is taking the know that you will continue to live up to your reputation as I will continue hearing about your many accomplishments w

Lethals, Barb and I want to close by thanking each and ev have had to date. If you make it out to Langley, come say "I to seeing you around the Air Force

God Bless you One and All

Cannon has  
Community support  
like NO other  
base in the  
World!!

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Brad Reeves  
1412 Piedmont  
Clovis, NM 88101

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BRAC Commission  
2521 S. Clark St., Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear BRAC Commission,

I am writing this letter in response to the announcement that the Defense Department has requested the closing of Cannon Air Force Base. Frankly, I am very puzzled by this announcement for the following reasons.

1. Cannon is ideally located. Cannon is not faced with any urban encroachment problems. If an Air Base is to be closed in the Southwest, then why not Luke Air Base in Phoenix? Phoenix almost completely surrounds Luke and therefore, a very dangerous situation is the result. Also, Cannon is situated near supersonic air space as well as the Melrose bombing range.
2. Cannon is very supported by the communities of Clovis and Portales. Many times, when the Air Force needed something, anything, the communities have just given the Air Force whatever was required. My understanding is that Phoenix would not miss Luke.
3. Cannon Air Base has room for expansion. Why should we keep a crowded Air Base with no room for expansion, when Cannon can meet all requirements for an indefinite length of time? It is true that Cannon is a "one-mission" base. Why should that situation exist? Cannon is an overlooked jewel that deserves far more attention than is currently the case. Cannon, can be, indeed should be, the premier training base for the Southwest.
4. Many investors have poured millions of dollars into the Clovis/Portales area. These investors surely had some assurances from the military that Cannon would not be closed. Therefore, I have to conclude that politics, not military value, is the reason for the selection of Cannon for closure. Investors would not have put their money down if logical sense dictated Cannon would be the base to be closed.

I believe when you consider all the facts, you will agree with me that Cannon Air Base should not only remain open, but should be greatly expanded for the reasons named above.

Sincerely,



Brad Reeves

Melissa Whitacre  
3617 Linkwood Lane  
Clovis, NM 88101

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Admiral Harold W. (Hal) Gehman, Jr.  
BRAC Commission

As a member of the Curry County community, I believe the closure of Cannon Air Force Base would be very detrimental to this community. Cannon AFB has a large impact on Eastern New Mexico and West Texas to include Lubbock Texas and Amarillo Texas. Upon the closure of Walker AFB in Roswell New Mexico, it has taken many years for this town to recover and build back up. The closure of Cannon AFB would cause a loss of 21% of the area work force. Cannon has one of the largest bombing ranges in the USA and is a supersonic base. I feel all these factors need to be considered when it is talked about the closure of the Cannon AFB.

Thank you,



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BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, Va. 22202

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you about the possible closing of Cannon Air Force Base. I believe this would be a mistake on the governments part if this were to occur.

This base has one of the best safety records in the Air Force and that means something must be being done right. We the people of Clovis love and appreciate our military personnel and I think this must mean a lot to the people who must go out and defend our country that they leave their dependents in the care and concern of a good people.

We have year round flying weather here in the area. There are two long runways, the pilots can reach the training range in a matter of minutes with no encroachment. There is a proposed expansion of supersonic airspace that should be finalized by the fall.

My husband and myself moved to Roswell, NM in 1969 shortly after Walker Air Force Base was closed and we saw the devastation on that city, which has taken almost forty years to build back. The closing of Cannon would devastate both Clovis an Portales, NM.

Please override the recommendation of the Pentagon and allow Cannon Air Force Base to remain open.

Sincerely,



Linda S. Ivey  
1717 Windsor Way  
Clovis, NM

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

Dear Commissioner Bilbray:

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

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

The many veterans in the area make it clear that they feel at home here. We consider Cannon and its retirees a part of our family.

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

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

Sincerely,



Sylvia J Saiz  
PO Box 148  
Santa Rosa, NM 88435

PS. On a personal note, I have retired Uncles and Aunts that depend on Cannon Air Force Base for their medical needs, medical prescriptions and retired privileges and utilize the commissary for other personal needs. This is an advantage to them as the commute to any other AFB is too far from their hometown of Ft Sumner and Santa Rosa.

May 27, 2005



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

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To:  
The BRAC commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, Va., 22202

Dear Committee Members,

I'm writing this in regards to your decision on closing Cannon Air Force Base here in Clovis, New Mexico. I totally disagree with your decision!

I know you have received thousands and thousands of letters giving you all the reasons why your decision is wrong, so I won't repeat them.

Our country is in the middle of War, and after the last administration eight years of gutting our Military, the last thing we need to do is start closing bases, especially here in New Mexico! The wide open training area that New Mexico has, is a Blessing to our Military, Land and Air.

We actually need to start building up our bases. Cannon needs to be modified to be the home of the F-22s or F-35s. It would be in the best interest of United States, the Air Force, and the people of Clovis to keep Cannon AFB open for our Country's future.

I thank you for your time. I'll see you June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mikel Hays". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mikel Hays

POB 1417  
1401 Hickory  
Clovis, NM 88102

505 760 5323 505 763 1688 email: quailco@yucca.net

# Ferrell Roberts

2117 Fairfield  
Clovis, N.M. 88101  
Phone: 505-763-5307

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June 10, 2005

Anthony J. Principi  
BRAC Commission  
2512 S Clark St  
Arlington, VA 22202

Ref. Cannon Air Force Base Closure

Dear Mr. Principi,

Since the announcement that the Department of Defense's BRAC list includes Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, N. M., I have read with great interest the reasons surrounding this decision. I do not believe Cannon AFB fits the criteria for closure and the decision needs to be studied more closely. I shall not present you with the facts that our community leaders and Cannon AFB supporters have already made known.

As a Nationally Certified independent (self-employed) music educator, I have over the years provided instruction to many of the men, women and children at Cannon AFB. Clovis is well known for its schools and educational resources. These military families have taken the opportunity to further their education while at Cannon AFB because of the stability of our schools and nearby universities. As the families at Cannon AFB have provided a diversity to our community, we too have provided a diversified support system for them. Our community has supported our military not only monetarily, emotionally, patriotically, but also in their pursuit of a higher education.

Our area continues to invest in Cannon AFB providing the necessary means for expansion in land, facilities, and airspace with no encroachment issues. I am sure our community and those surrounding us will continue to invest in Cannon AFB because of its unique attributes supporting our national defense.

I welcome you and others of the BRAC Commissioners on your visit to Clovis and I sincerely ask that the recommendation for closure be reconsidered and Cannon Air Force Base be removed from the BRAC list.

Most sincerely yours,

  
Ferrell Roberts

June 9, 2005

Mr. Lloyd "Fig" Newton  
BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

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Dear Mr. Newton,

Please note that this is NOT a reproduced letter of thousands but just one heartfelt letter to express what my thoughts are regarding the closing of CANNON AFB in Clovis, NM. Clovis is a struggling rural town in eastern New Mexico. Actually, the state of New Mexico as a whole struggles when you compare it to the other states in this Country. Nonetheless, we get by on the little we have. Clovis' strength is made up of hard-working individuals through agriculture (primarily dairy, corn, wheat & milo farmers as well as ranchers) and also, most importantly, the men and women at Cannon AFB. These two groups help keep this town of over 35,000 prospering. We need them BOTH. The farmers and ranchers are not enough to keep this small town alive. The farmers/ranchers are TOO unpredictable with weather (mainly drought) and markets affecting their livelihoods. Hey, I know this personally, I am married to a dryland farmer/rancher. He works way too much and after 20 years of marriage and being able to raise my two boys as good as I could, it finally came to where I had to go back to working outside the home/farm because it alone wasn't able to pay our bills. Sure, we had good years (about 4 in the last 20)! But it came to a point where we couldn't "take from Peter to pay Paul" anymore!

Sir, I can't even imagine Clovis' economy surviving by the likes of us and no longer Cannon AFB. This town will suffer badly. We have already seen all the years of drought affecting its' economy and barely getting by. Cannon AFB leaving will cripple it badly. We have a good base here, with great weather, space to no end and wholesome values to offer our young men/women and their families in the Service. Please reconsider this decision to close Cannon AFB and reevaluate the valid reasons why people here feel this would be wrong to allow. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*Cathy Estes*

1748 Airway

Clavis N.M.

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Dear Mr. Bilbroy,

We are a retired couple who moved back to Clavis after 35 years, & came here at the beginning of World War II with my dad who was a Capt. in the reserve railroad battalion - expecting a war. There was Camp Wm. C. Reid but no air base at that time - it came a few months later.

Then - in war - it was obvious: nearly perfect weather, unlimited space, friendly and welcoming people. Now we have still no in-croachment, nearly 100% fly days, on the spot flying, training (no purchase of fuel to get the Cannon has won many awards in the war games. We are baffled at being on the BABC list.

Sincerely,  
Mary Ann West

June 10, 2005

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To Whom it may Concern

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Just a wife of Korean War  
Soldier — 37 years in service!!

My husband was on front lines in communications — He is having serious mental & emotional breakdowns, yes, suffers with PTSD just out of hospital again. There is too many men & women; their wives, families, & everyone suffering too!

In our concern of closing Cannon Air Force Base — please consider our many concerns in defense of our country!

Also us older people cannot afford the medicine & insurance on military retirement; along with house payment, car payment & expenses of life itself.

Please reconsider and leave CAFB active.

Thank You!

A very concerned wife

**Irene Roybal**

804 Stanton Place Apt. # G  
Clovis, NM 88101

Phone 763-9563

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*Dear Brac Commission*

*This letter is to view my concerns about Cannon Air Force being on the closure list. If Cannon Air Force Base closes this will personally affect my family and my job. Not to mention what it would do to our town that has grown tremendously because of Cannon Air Force Base. I work in a daycare center where we have 100 kids and 30 infants in our facility. If Cannon Air Force Base closes this would mean half of the girls that work with me would be out of a job. This would also effect me and my family because we have lots of very close friends and a few of those friends are like family to me. So I voice out my shout out to save Cannon and fight for I feel is the right thing to do.*

*I feel if you continue with trying to close Cannon this will break Clovis down so much that some people will have no job, no money, no place to live but in the streets. I feel that people are struggling as it is so please don't shut Clovis only hope for the future. If the government is to do one thing right then please save Cannon Air Force Base. Allow Clovis to grow and the people right along with it.*

*Keeping our base would mean growth in our economy and a future for our kids to look forward to. Remember Clovis is depending on you to create not break. Closing Cannon will break our econmy and cause more people to go on welfare. This would also affect our schools and our kids from learning and growing.*

*SINCERELY YOURS  
IRENE ROYBAL*

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To The Honorable Brac Commission;

**Dear Sirs,**

I am writing you concerning the proposed closing, of a very valuable part of our lives ,  
**and our community , namely Cannon Air Force Base ,**  
We moved here from Texas ,when I was released from my tour of duty, in the U.S. Navy,  
in 1946, & have participated in the starting, & the growth, of 2 businesses ,as well as  
being active in the growth of our city and community, & the air base in general.  
We as a city, have been in close contact with Cannon\, & have watched it grow along  
with our City. We have faced many challenges over the years of meeting the needs of the  
personnel at the base, and have integrated them into our city, & social lives & churches &  
the community as a whole, accepting them as a vital part of us as we have grown  
together

When a need , from the base , became known to us , whether it be for more Land ,Or  
air space , or what ever the need was , we have been able to fill those requests, and make  
this base and the area ,the best in this whole country, whether it be for training or  
deploying, to trouble spots around the world. and we are very proud of what we have  
accomplished .

The closing of such a superb facility, would be very detrimental to our community , as  
well as our Country in these troubled times .

We , strongly & sincerely ask you to reconsider all of the Data on the base & leave it  
as it is, a very. valuable asset to our country ,and our community

Cannon & Clovis , has been such an integral part of our lives for the last 60 years , in  
business, social, and churches , it would surely be a great loss, and a shame to close such  
a valuable asset.

Thank you for You're reconsideration...

Sincerely

Carl. E. & Fredria Deaton

*Carl E. Deaton*  
*Fredria Deaton*



BRAC COMMISSION  
2521 SOUTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 600  
ARLINGTON, VA. 22202

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June 11, 2005

Dear Sir or Madam:

REF: CANNON AIR FORCE BASE

I, TOO, LIKE MANY OTHERS WAS SHOCKED TO HEAR CANNON AIR FORCE BASE WAS ON THE LIST OF CLOSURES.

OUR AREA , WEATHER WISE IS A GREAT ONE FOR AIRPLANE USE.

WE HAVE NO MAJOR AIRLINES NEAR SO NO PROBLEMS FROM OTHER FLYING AIRCRAFT.

THE PEOPLE OF CLOVIS HAVE HAD GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE BASE FOR YEARS.

THERE HAS BEEN MUCH TAX MONEY SPENT IMPROVING THE BASE FACILITIES RECENTLY. RUNWAYS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE ETC.

HOUSING FOR BASE PERSONNEL IS ADEQUATE, EVEN TO HOUSES BEING BUILT FOR AIRFORCE PEOPLE IN NEARBY TOWN OF PORTALES.

A PRACTICE BOMBING RANGE IS NEAR THE BASE, NOT CAUSING FUEL AND TIME TO BE WASTED GETTING TO IT.

OF COURSE, LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, OUR CITY WILL BE VERY HARD HIT FINANCIALLY IF YOU CLOSE THIS BASE.

PLEASE RECONSIDER AND REMOVE CANNON AIR FORCE BASE FROM YOUR LIST OF CLOSURES..

Cordially,

*Dorothy Reid Baldock*

DOROTHY REID BALDOCK

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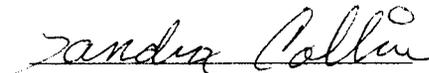
*June 9, 2005*

*Dear BRAC Commission,*

*To whom it may concern, We believe that Cannon AFB should not be closed because the United States is in a time of war, The U.S. needs all the support it can have. Cannon AFB has miles of land for a bombing range. The town of Clovis New Mexico depends on the people of Cannon AFB to keep their homes full, their businesses going, and the safety that they can provide. Many new restaurants, home improvement stores, and automotive departments have come to Clovis because of its rapid growth when joined with Cannon AFB. Many new homes are being built to house the men and women, and their families that come to Cannon AFB. We the people of Clovis New Mexico strongly urge the BRAC Commissioners to remove Cannon AFB from the closure list, not only for the town of Clovis New Mexico but for the surrounding communities and most importantly for the safety of the United States Of America.*

*Sincerely,*

*Sandra Collier*



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BRAC Commission  
2521 S. Clark Street  
Arlington, VA 22202

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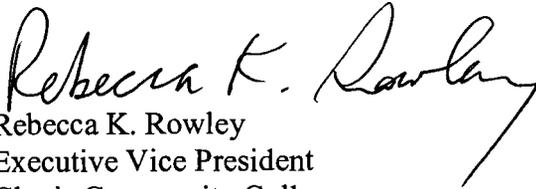
I am writing on behalf of the local effort to keep Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico off of the BRAC list. As a long time resident of Clovis with family roots in this community that go back to the 1930's, I have a deep appreciation of the benefits of Cannon to the communities of Clovis and Portales.

I'm sure that you've heard many facts and figures about the economic impact of closing Cannon, and that certainly cannot be ignored. Cannon is vital to our economy. But in addition to the financial implications of closing the base, our communities will also suffer a loss of diversity and exposure to other cultures.

The population of Clovis is somewhat static. But the influx of people from other parts of this country as well as other countries has provided educational opportunities for our students and a positive importation of new ideas for our community. I have benefited from going to school with, working with, and teaching military students most of my life.

As you reconsider Cannon Air Force Base's placement on the BRAC list, please remember that the Clovis/Portales area will be adversely affected forever. The small population of our area will only intensify the economic and cultural gaps left by the absence of Cannon. Removing Cannon from the BRAC list will keep our communities strong.

Sincerely,

  
Rebecca K. Rowley  
Executive Vice President  
Clovis Community College

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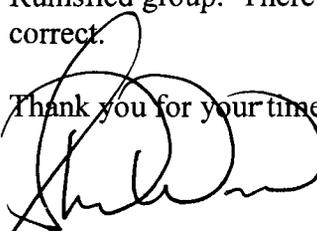
I am very excited that you will soon be visiting our city. I have already written to you four times and have come to view you as our allies in the fight to save Cannon.

When you are here, I believe you will be asking yourselves the same question we are, What is Rumsfeld's team thinking? Previously I have mentioned several things to you and I hope you will keep them in mind when you are here. They are:

- ❖ There is no encroachment issue with Cannon Air Force Base (Luke, Nellis, Kirtland)
- ❖ There are no nearby International Airports
- ❖ Flying time here is not hampered by bad weather
- ❖ The Melrose Bombing Range is nearby
- ❖ There is a large community of retired military here that will have to relocate for base services
- ❖ The economic impact on Clovis will be the worst of any base town slated for closing
- ❖ New Mexico is already a very poor, economically sluggish state
- ❖ New Mexico may trade Clovis to Texas for El Paso (a little humor, which is not a bad thing)
- ❖ We have a very strong Democratic Governor who may be causing some sort of hidden agenda being enacted against our state
- ❖ Florida and Arizona have strong ties to this presidency and they are not being hit like other states

Please consider these points that I make concerning the recommendation set forth by the Rumsfeld group. There are blatant flaws in them, which as our friends and allies, you should correct.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this struggle of ours,

  
Sharon Winn  
1620 Axtell  
Clovis, NM 88101

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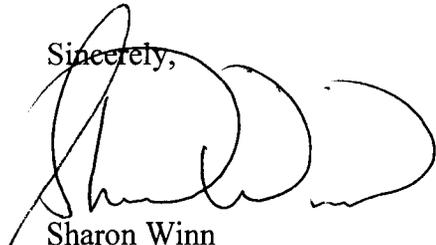
Dear Members:

We just received word today that now there will be five of you making the trip to Clovis. We are very pleased and excited about this. I am optimistic that in a little over two weeks you are going to see the importance of keeping Cannon Air Force Base open.

A fellow worker was telling me a story this morning about being stationed at Luke Air Force Base near Phoenix. The jest was that it gets so hot there that they have to send people home, just as we would when it snows too much here. Of course snow here is not a day-in, day-out occurrence like heat is in Phoenix. This is just one more consideration for taking Cannon off the closure list.

Again, we are excited for your up-coming visit and hopeful that you will discover what we already know—Cannon is important to our country and should remain open.

Sincerely,



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BRAC COMMISSION  
2521 SOUTH CLARK ST., SUITE 600  
ARLINGTON, VA 22202

Dear BRAC Commission,

I am writing to state my case for KEEPING CANNON AFB, in Clovis, New Mexico. No where else will you find a community United to keep and Help our troops. There are many reasons to keep Cannon Open.

1. Abundance in airspace with no encroachments
2. safer, more realistic training scenarios for various aircraft and missions
3. once implemented the NM training range initiative allows supersonic flying
4. great year round weather for flying conditions
5. Melrose bombing range is seconds away, this will save the government money in fuel cost
6. new runways on the base
7. ample space and ramp space for surge force requirements
8. support of training missions for F-22 joint strike fighter
9. award winning base on ACC, Air Force, and NAF levels
10. a relationship like none other with the communities of Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and surrounding areas.

There are so many reasons to keep Cannon open. We not only protect the country. We are true believers in protecting the environment. Cannon has two national protected wet lands on the base and our efforts to keep Cannon clean has paid off. These wet lands have life. On our base you can see nature the red fox has a home on Cannon.

Our community is behind the base 100%. I have never been in an area that the community works hand and hand with the base. Our base people are not just Military people here. They are part of this community. The military kids are pals and friends with the ranchers and farmers kids. This is a true community united for one propose. Keeping America safe. Please look at this area and the importance of Cannon Air Force Base and take it off of the closer list.

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Mr. Anthony J. Principi,  
Chairman, 2005 BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Str. Suite 600  
Arlington, VA. 22202

Dear Mr. Principi,

I am writing in reference to the proposed closing of Cannon Air Force Base, at Clovis, N.M..

I want to express to you that I believe it is a very bad decision for the 2005 Base Closure and Realignment by Michael W. Wynne, Chairman of Infasture Steering Group.

I am a housewife in Clovis and my husband is a High Voltage Electrician at Cannon Air Force Base. Our lives will be turned upside down, just like so many other families here in Clovis, N.M.. I am from upstate New York originally. Unlike the weather on the east coast, the weather here in Clovis is IDEAL for a base. The military planes fly as many as 350 days a year, because of such great weather. There is no commercial planes within 100 miles of Cannon Air Force Base.

I understand training is essential for the Air Force to do its missions, which would not be hindered due to forces here, like bad weather, complaints of residents due to noise, serious encroachment difficulties, or a community that does not want to support their Air Force Base and its missions.

There is also endless room here in Clovis for expansion of the facility surrounding the base and bombing range without concern of encroachment by the population.

Our community is enthusiastic with support for Cannon Air Force Base and very committed to make it a win-win situation for betterment of Clovis and the Air Force Base. In closing, I hope when you come to Clovis, you will see for yourself how wonderful this community really is, and what an IDEAL location it is for an Air Force Base. You can not understand what an asset Cannon Air Force Base is for Clovis and what a catastrophic loss it would be for all of us if it was to close. Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Martha M. Riek  
James E. Riek

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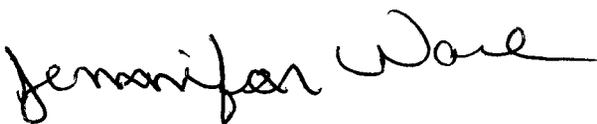
Dear Lloyd "Fig" Newton,

Turning the news on and seeing Cannon AFB on the list of recommended base closures came as a shock. Our wonderful community has supported Cannon AFB for over fifty years and we weren't expecting for that to end. It came as a shock due to the fact that if you followed the criteria released by the Department of Defense, there would be no way we would be on the closure list. When you look at some of the other bases that are not on the list of bases recommended for closure, it makes me wonder why we would close over them. For example Luke AFB in Arizona has encroachment issues, air space problems and if that base closed it would not hurt Phoenix anything like the hurt that would be inflicted on Clovis if Cannon was closed.

I do not see one thing that the Department of Defense is looking for in their criteria that we do not have. Just to name a few: Clovis has the available land, we do not have any problems with encroachments, we are near the Melrose bombing range, we have great flying weather, great air space and supersonic capabilities. We have the ability for Cannon to continue training with a multitude of aircraft, not just the F-16.

The criteria the DoD released was supposed to look at the economic impact on the city. Clovis is a city with only about 32,667 people with no other major city for about one hundred miles. With the base being the top employer in the area, pulling out 4,780 jobs from a community our size could devastate us. Why would you close a base that fits everything that was asked for by the DoD when there are bases like Luke AFB that do not fit the criteria that the DoD released. Come down to Clovis and see what a great base Cannon AFB is to the air force and how much our community supports and relies on it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Wore". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Jennifer Wore".