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DEAR HONORABLE PHILIP LOYD,

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 LOUIS, NM. IF
THE BASE CLOSES, ME AND MY FAMILY,
AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER RETIREES
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THIS ALONG WITH MILLIONS OF LOST
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I PLEA WITH YOU TO
REMOVE CANNON AFB FROM THE
BRAC LIST.

REBARDS,

BOB LAHUE

M. LaHue

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BILBRAY,

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Brac Commission
2521 S. Clark St #600
Arlington, VA 22202

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Sirs:

I feel our country will be less secure if Cannon Air Force Base is shut down.

Please come + check out CAFB and I think you will find that you have been misinformed!

Thanks,

Lee Nell Eubank
Box 659

Jarwell, TX 79325

Jarwell, TX is 9 miles from Clovis, N.M.

Ann L. Rowley

BRAC Commission

June 10, 2005

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Dear Commissioner,

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My husband & I have lived in
Clovis for 30 yrs and been committed
of 30 members since 1982. We feel
strongly that Cannon & its people
are an integral part of our
community.

Our business alone would lose
over \$ 105,000.00 per year due
"trickle down" effect and this
would be devastating, especially
as we near our retirement
age.

Please, keep Cannon open -
for the good of our community,
the Air Force and our national
defense.

Sincerely,
Ann R

6-13-05

Dear Sir;

This letter is about your closing
the Cannon Air Force Base.



This will put a big hardship on a lot of retirees and their dependants. As they will have to travel 245 miles to Albuquerque for medications and commissary priviledges.

A lot of these are widows and widowers. That are unable to make such a long trip 4 1/2 hrs.

People from Lubbock and surrounding area use the Base. Roswell and the Area around use the Base. Amarillo and Area around use the Base. Tucuman and Area use the Base.

We here in Clovis feel safe knowing we are protected from terrorist. We are very Proud of our Base family.

It will put a lot of civilian workers out of a job. A lot of these workers are the sole supporters. And it

would be a big hardship on these people.

Our Base Family is very important to all of us. We are very proud of them.

Thank you
Pauline Smith
3008 Less Street
Colonis, N.M.

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Stephen Frost

227 S. Ave K

Portales Nm, 88130

Admiral Harold W. Grehman St.,

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Cannon AFB.

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I am also concerned about local military retirees.
Amarillo, Lubbock, Clovis, and Portales house a large
number of military retirees who depend on Cannon for
Medical Support.

Please consider all the facts before making your final decision.

Respectfully Yours,

Steve Frost

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227 S. Ave K
Portales NM, 88130

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June 15, 05

The Honorable Members,

I would like to also place my voice in opposition to the suggested closure of Cannon AFB in Clovis, New Mexico.

My concerns are both personal and the military value of Cannon AFB.

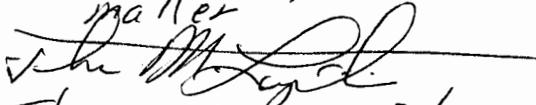
My personal reasons include, (but not limited to):

- 1) Availability of getting my needed medicine
- 2) Use of base facilities

The military value of Cannon AFB has been vastly underrated:

- 1) Virtually unlimited air space for training
- 2) No increment of buildings around the base.
- 3) The base would be an ideal site to invite foreign Air Forces to train, (we could actually make some money from them, instead of the U.S. always giving away money).

Thank you for your kind attention in this matter


Thomas M. Lipinski
Maj (Det) USAF



DR. WILLIAM J. SMITH

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6/17/2005

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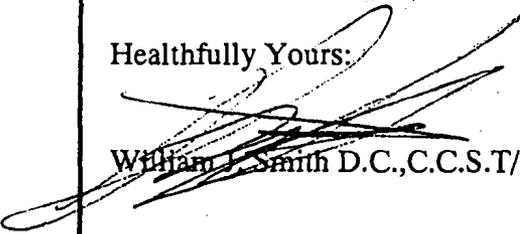
To Whom It May Concern:

• Sports

This is a letter in regard to the potential closing of Cannon Air Force Base. In our Portales and Clovis offices, we see many patients from Cannon. If this closure goes through it will affect our office tremendously. I feel that Cannon is vital to Portales and the surrounding areas. Economically they provide jobs for more than approximately 3,000 families. Some of the reasons that Cannon should not be on the list are that Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, West Texas are the home to a large retiree population. These people rely on Cannon Air Force Base for grocery shopping, healthcare, and with the Introduction of Chiropractic Care being mandated in all armed forces by year end, this would have a huge effect on my office since there is not another installation close by to serve our retired military. The relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns is unlike any other installation in the country. In light of the potentially severe consequences, we believe it is critical that the commissioners hear, firsthand, the presentation concerning Cannon Air Force Base. The local leaders in the Clovis community stand ready to do all we can to accommodate this request.

• Auto

Healthfully Yours:


William J. Smith D.C., C.C.S.T/all

• Work

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to all of us. We are
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Pauline Smith
3008 Ross St.
Glenview, Ill.
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Bill D. Jones
205 Bent Tree Rd.
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

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Gentlemen

I am a longtime resident of Clovis and have watched the usage and growth of Cannon Air Force Base since its inception.

CAFB has always been a leading facility in training and producing Combat Ready units for the Air Force in every conflict since 1942.

This area has ideal flying weather the year round and there are no major topographical obstacles in the area.

CAFB has the infrastructure and facilities to accommodate almost any type of aircraft the military sees fit to station here.

The community support for CAFB is excellent; even going so far as to purchase hundreds of acres of land for uses such as housing and instrument landing facilities.

I was in the restaurant business in 1947 when the Base was closed and am well aware of the economic impact of such action.

CAFB is a viable and productive base worth keeping.

Alfred C. Bryant

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14th June 2005

Dear Sir,

I am so pleased to hear you are coming to Bannan A.F.B with BRAC Commission. You will see we have much to offer.

- 1) Great weather for flying
- 2) Bombing Range
- 3) Plenty of Air Space

Sincerely

Joy Lewis (widow Ret A.F.)

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I could write you about saving Cannon Air Force Base describing the air space or the future supersonic capabilities and opportunities that CAFB has to offer the military.

However I am writing to you about how this base will impact us personally. We are retired military and utilize the Commissary to make our limited funds stretch. The base also offers us security in these dangerous times. My husband retired as a Lt. Colonel. My three brothers all served in the Navy. The youngest retired from this career.

My three children also served in the military, with my son serving of his last year of reserve serving at Cannon. We have invested our lives, our time and our futures here in Clous and CAFB is one of the "burbs". Many CAFB personnel and families attend and are ~~members~~ members of our church.

I have had the great blessing to serve CAFB elementary children at my two schools - Sandia & Barry Elementary schools.

Most importantly, I was present when Walker Air Force Base was closed in 1967. What an economic disaster. As a teen I saw my recreational closed to be used as a lure to out of state retirees. While well and good that Russell did attract others to the city, the families, the schools suffered greatly. The base properties, once beautiful and maintained fell into disrepair at the hand of disreputable owners. The once beautiful hospital lay empty and vacant and has never returned to state of health care it once provided.

I ask you, plead with you to reconsider the economic, social and human impact closing CAFB will result in for this city. We want to grow with CAFB not just have it handy. Clovis has much to offer the military as CAFB has to bring to us. Let us continue this great two way relationship.

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You will see the support OAFB /
community has - it is part of us.

Sincerely,

Gloria Hutchens

2405 Wallace

Clous, NM 88101

" A military family - hoo-ah!



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Nathaniel J McGowan
908 Davis
Clavis NM 88101-0908

General James T. Hill

I am very disappointed of the idea
from the BRAC Commission's decision to
close Cannon Air Force Base.

I have a grandma that goes to Cannon
to get her medication and if the Base
Closes ~~then~~ then where is she going to go?

She does not drive anymore because
of her health. She depends on her son
to take her ~~everywhere~~ everywhere and
that's getting to the point to where he can't
drive either. Her son is half blind and
that is hard on both of them. My grandma's
husband (my grandpa) died in the Korean
War and that's why she goes to Cannon
AFB to get her medication. Cannon
air Force Base is part of Clavis NM and
also part of everybody's family. If you close
this base, you will have a lot of disappointed
families that do not want to relocate.

Everybody in Clavis NM feels safe
with military personal around. Half of
the population is military so do us a favor
and keep Cannon open. Respectfully yours,
Nathaniel J McGowan

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Dear BRAC commissioners:

I do not agree with the recommendation by the Department of Defense to close Cannon.

I've grown up in Clovis, & if Cannon closed the town could be in danger. We have been going through a huge growth & to think it was for nothing would suck.

~~the~~ The military value here is great & if you closed this base it would be a great loss to everyone not only ~~the~~ the people of this town but to the United States & its forces.

I ask you to please reconsider and keep Cannon open

Amy White

2005 enloe Dr
Clovis, NM, 88101

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Tuesday June 28, 2005

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BRAE Commissioner:

Please leave Cannon AFB alone.

It is becoming a nice sized city and everyone here is working hard for that goal.

I was born here 74 years ago. My family, Mother-Father-3 children - their children were all born here. Most still live here & many have died here. Cannon

is very important to our lives - their interaction with us, the impact they have

on our community in so many, many different ways. The gentleman singing here

the National Anthem for your meeting here is retired Cannon AFB. OIC, as he is forever

owns his own body training business, sings & had produced several CDs and is a

patron of one of our prominent churches. Doc Stewart, who said the opening prayer

at your meeting, has interacted with the base for 30-40 yrs or more. There is a park

at Cannon named for Mr Stewart.

I'm too old to see the town go to the dogs by removing CAFB when the

truth of its capabilities are not being
acknowledged and used to keep common.

It doesn't make any difference to
you people on the Commission. You
sleep well at night and continue
your nice life without another thought.

Please keep in mind the lives you
are wrecking by this closure. There are
thousands.

Thank You

Dell Gunnels
1913 N. Hull St
Clavis N. Mex 88161
(505) 763-4642

BRAC Commission
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6/17/2005

Dear Sue Ellen Turner,

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.

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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.

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Sincerely,

Matt Ware

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17 June 2005

General James T. Hill
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Bill F. Bullion
5 Fox Hollow
Edwardsville, IL 62025



Dear General Hill:

First, it is an honor and a privilege to write to you. I am using this letter to voice my concerns over the BRAC closure list, specifically Cannon Air Force Base near Clovis, New Mexico. As a former resident of Clovis, Navy veteran – Viet Nam 68-69, and graduate of Eastern New Mexico University in Portales I feel that the BRAC is making a critical mistake in this proposed closure action.

The surrounding area residents, Cities, Counties and State Governments of New Mexico and Texas are extremely concerned about the economic effects and outfall of the proposed closure. I share their concerns for the future of the area and I have a strong concern of the loss of Cannon to our military machine. Cannon and its future should be considered very strategic to our military and in its long range planning.

If Cannon is closed, our military will lose an extremely well situated facility that cannot be easily replaced, economically or physically. Cannon has the capability, flexibility and open air space to serve all branches of our military as a support base and training facility.

Training is critical to the readiness of all military programs. Training promotes efficiencies, eliminates mistakes, saves money and most important of all – it saves lives. Our fighter pilots must continue to receive the best training available and a key factor to that is having a world class training facility. No other military base has immediate access to unencumbered air spaces such as the Melrose Bombing Range and the New Mexico Training Range that is being implemented, both immediately adjacent and accessible to Cannon year round. Both ranges are well suited to support aircraft of any type or service branch; Air Force, Navy, Marines or Army.

Much of the air space and easements around Cannon were purchased and given to the Government by Clovis in its ongoing support of Cannon Air Force Base.

I urge you and your colleagues to review and re-consider the actions set forth by the BRAC. Please - Support our Troops - Keep Cannon. I wish you and your team well on the upcoming visit to Cannon Air Force Base and the Clovis area.

I would be glad to discuss this issue with you or anyone on the BRAC Commission; I can be contacted at (618) 692-3819 or at my office (314) 335-4357. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


Bill Bullion

OPERATION KEEP CANNON

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To the distinguished BRAC committee,

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

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

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

In the early 90's, Curry County, in conjunction with the state of New Mexico purchased air easements around Cannon Air Force Base and GAVE them to the Air Force. This was done to protect that air space from encroachments and was an important issue for the Air Force as it is today. The local community purchased land North of Cannon Air Force Base and GAVE it back to the Air Force for additional housing, now known as Chavez Manor. Within the last few years, our community purchased land west of Cannon and GAVE it back to the Air Force for the installation of instrument lighting on the alternate runway at the base.

As hopefully you will personally witness, the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns: Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others is UNLIKE ANY OTHER INSTALLATION IN THE COUNTRY. These towns are home to large military retiree populations which rely on Cannon Air Force Base for healthcare, grocery shopping and more.

Our community has reached out and supported the base like no other community over the past 50 years. We've done so financially, morally, spiritually and above all, consistently. We are proud, honored and blessed to have Cannon Air Force Base and will stand behind it and everything it stands for every step of the way.

Sincerely,

Teggy Pierson
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Fort Worth, Texas
76180

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C. H. JUSTUS, JR. G.R.I.
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Telephone (505) 356-8594

P.O. Box 784

219 W. 2nd St.

Portales, New Mexico 88130

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June 16, 2005

To the BRAC Commission,

I want to request that you vote to keep Cannon Air Force Base.

Cannon does not fit the criteria provided for base closure.

Once the NM Training Range Initiative is implemented, Cannon will be able to offer pilots the ability to fly supersonic during training missions.

The weather in eastern NM provides year-around training. Also, Cannon has ample space/ramp space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations. The air space and weather make Cannon the perfect candidate to support future training mission for the F-22, Joint Strike Fighter, and other military aircraft.

Our economy relies on Cannon more than any other area in the country. Cannon closing would have a great negative impact on the economy of Clovis, Portales, Melrose and West Texas towns.

Thank you for recommending keeping Cannon.

Sincerely,

Sherri Justus

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Bill D. Jones
205 Bent Tree Rd.
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

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Dear Mr. Newton

I am an instructor at Clovis Community College and I was raised in the air force my father is a retired E7 and my wife was a crew chief on F-111's at Cannon when we met. I have a definite link to Cannon, if not for Cannon I would not have met my wife and my adorable 8 year old daughter would not be here. Personally I can't utilize base facilities anymore but I know for those who can this will be a great loss such as my father retired air force E-7 twenty-three years service, my brother retired army major twenty years service, and my brother - in law disabled Vietnam veteran, even worse than this is going to be the economic impact on the surrounding communities. Notice I did not say Clovis this is because Clovis is only a portion of the area that will be hit by the closure I happen to live in Portales which I also feel will be hit very hard by the closure. The closure of Cannon will have a catastrophic effect on the economy of this area; we have already seen an effect on such areas as construction, reality and in enrollment at the college where I work.

Being a military brat all my life I know the job in front of you is a difficult one and that you have to think about the military value of Cannon primarily and economic impact and personal feelings about Cannon second. Cannon has many military values to offer one is NO ENCROACHMENT which was one of the base closure standards but bases that are slated to receive our F-16's are have major encroachment issues such as Hill AFB or Luke AFB which many of the local community members don't even want! Cannon is 10 miles to the west and Clovis is growing to the north away from Cannon which has already slowed and will stop if Cannon closes. I already know of several construction sites that were abandoned when the closure list was released.

Cannon has lots of room to grow on the ground as well as in the air of which it basically has no other airport competing for air space. Our community has done several things in the past to insure this issue. In the early 1990's Curry County and the state of New Mexico purchased air easements around Cannon and gave them to Cannon in order to protect Cannon from encroachment. On two different occasions our local community has purchased land and given it to Cannon for needs they had at the time

Leaders in our community have worked with New Mexico Training Range Initiative to expand the flight capabilities of pilots at Cannon to include super sonic flights at lower altitudes to accommodate modern tactical combat training requirements.

As an LTA student Pilot I know how important of a factor weather can be for any type of aircraft and our weather here is perfect for flying year around. We have Melrose bombing minutes off the end of the runway the Cannon pilots have quick access to extensive training missions with virtually no travel time involved saving money for the military.

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Being an ex-bomber base Cannon has lots of ramp space to accommodate expansion whether it be new inventory or consolidation of other inventory (Luke or Hill) or even temporary inventory of aircraft involved in joint training exercises such as Roving Sands.

In closing while so many other communities are having a difficult time getting along with their neighboring military installations and we have worked so hard to get along with ours yet we find ours is the one in jeopardy of closing surprises me. I would like to personally extend a request for you to reconsider the closure of Cannon and decide to **KEEP CANNON** open. I feel this would not only benefit our community but more importantly will benefit the security of our nation because Cannon combined with Melrose bombing range the New Mexico Training Range Initiative this is a perfect training area for the type of hostile threats and battles we seem to be faced with in modern times. We look forward to hosting the entire commission on the 24th of June so you can see first hand the support Cannon receives from our community

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Blair", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul Blair
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Portales NM 88130
Home Phone # (505)-356-8053

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