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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman
BRAC Commission
2571 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Chairman Principi,

It saddens me to think that the Department of Defense has recommended that Cannon Air Force Base be closed. I am a military wife of a retired National Guardsman. Due to the war on terror, my husband is trying to be reactivated because he feels that he should be with his men that he has trained that are in Iraq now. I should mention that my husband is fiftytwo years old and we both support the war on terror and the bases that train our soldiers, airmen, sailors and marines.

That said, I really don't know a lot of the history regarding the Cannon Air Force Base but I do know that there's plenty of space for training the men flying the planes, ideal weather for the training, and that 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 to protect that air space from encroachment. I also know that the local community of New Mexico purchased the land north of Cannon Air Force Base and gave it back to the Air Force for additional housing, now known as Chavez Manor. The community of New Mexico supports the base and so do my husband and I.

On a personal note, when my husband and I travel to New Mexico, I as a military wife am really impressed by the Air Force planes traveling over the base as they train. The sound and sight of those planes gives me a heady feeling of pride in America and in the Air Force men and women at Cannon Air Force Base.

As a retired military family, we travel often from Amarillo, Texas to Clovis to enjoy our commissary and BX privileges at Cannon Air Force Base. Since there are no other bases within a two or three hour drive, it would affect us greatly. I hope and pray that the BRAC commission will remove Cannon Air Force Base from its list and keep our servicemen and women flying and training at this important base.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,



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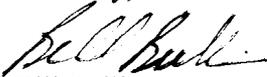
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**BRAC COMMISSION
2521 SOUTH CLARK STREET, SUIT 600
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22202**

Sir:

KEEP CANNON OPEN:

Cannon troops and their families are a part of our community that you want to take away. You have stated that it is not political, but it is. I know that Cannon is one of the Cleanest and most efficient when it comes to handling Hazardous Waste. So that would make us the easiest to clean up. The government does not want to clean up a mess. So such Cannon down and hide you other mistakes.

Here is a thought. Why not KEEP CANNON open and have them teach these other bases that are so dirty HOW to clean themselves up?

Is this thought to radical for the government? Or is BRAC taking the easy road?

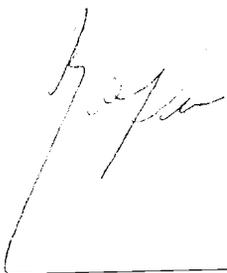
Cannon is so needed in this area. Not only to protect and defend our country, but to lead the way in environmental issue.

We have wide open space, lots of land for expansion. A dedicated community. Plains Regional Medical Center with new heart and Cancer Wings. I am a Cancer survivor and I know what it means to have the Medical Center and the support of Cannon Air Force Base. We have a new VA clinic to help our troops that are coming home.

Home! We have troops over in Iraq and this is called home. So you want to take their home away something that is stability in their lives.

BRAC: You need to reconsider your decision. Think before you keep Cannon on the list. On the 23rd and 24th of June when you are hear stop, look and listen to the people. Yes, I am sure you will find some that might want the base to close. But they are such a minority. This community has backed Cannon since after World War II. Please, back this community and KEEP CANNON open.

This community would be lost without their Cannon.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. J. ...", is located at the bottom left of the page. The signature is written in dark ink and is somewhat stylized.

FLAG DAY WE FLY THE FLAG TO KEEP CANNON AIR FORCE BASE OPEN

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Raejean Toledo
240 E. Tierra Blanca
Clovis, New Mexico 88101
HOME OF CANNON AIR FORCE BASE

BRAC COMMISSION
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear BRAC Commission:

I am sure that you are ready for your visit to Clovis to see what Cannon Air Force Base is all about and why this community has been writing letters to you.

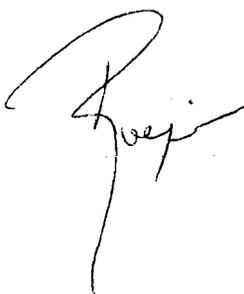
This is not just an other letter to say how good Cannon is, even though it is the best Base in the Air Force. This is a letter to say that the troops and their families are part of our community and they would be missed so very much. We have Air Force families that are foster parents. We have family members that work in our growing health community. We have families that are part of our church groups and school board boosters. We are a community that appreciates our military families.

The impact of Cannon Air Force Base in eastern New Mexico is underscored by the fact that Cannon participates in coordination of the Curry and Roosevelt County Habitat for Humanity. I wish to point out the volunteer efforts of bases personnel. About 90 percent of Habitat's volunteers consist of base personnel. This is according to figures that are provided by the United Way of Eastern New Mexico. Without volunteers from the base, Habitat could not have gotten a lot of the projects completed. The closing would impact contributions to Habitat and other charities in the area. There would also be a shortage of manpower the sudden decrease in the number of volunteers 500 to 600 per year, according to United Way.

Our Clovis News Journal readers ask the question "why not bring our troops home from Okinawa?" Has secretary Rumsfeld considered how much money he could save the U>S> taxpayers by moving the United States Air Force assets currently stationed at Kadena on Okinawa back to the United States? The F-15 fighters and HH-60 helicopters would be a nice fit for Cannon AFB, and the tankers and E-3 Sentry's could go to Ellsworth AFB, the two bases he plans to close and that are needed in today's war on terrorism.

Please take the time to see what Cannon means to HOME LAND SECURITY.

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From the Clovis News Journal:

Cannon Deserves second look from BRAC:
Guest Columnist Heather Wilson:

When I visited Clovis recently to meet with community leaders about Cannon Air Force Base I was impressed. Like the entire congressional delegation and the governor, the community is working together to keep Cannon open. We all know it is a steep hill to climb, but everyone is pitching in.

The pentagon isn't making it easy. Officials are required by the BRAC law to release all of the data and analysis used by the Pentagon to make its recommendations. But they haven't. They have released their arguments to justify their decisions and some superficial description of how they did their work.

It's as if they served up a deep dish apple pie called BRAC. Then they released information on how many people it will feed and how long it will keep in the fridge. But they still haven't given us a list of ingredients or the recipe so that we can figure out where they went wrong and why this pie tastes like library paste. That's the data we need.

When the members of the BRAC Commission come to Clovis later this month, there are some strong themes emerging. First, the Pentagon did not

consider the economic impact on the community as it should have done, and it will be substantial. One in five jobs in the Clovis area is related to the base.

No other community in the nation would have its economy hit harder by this BRAC list. The pentagon says the closure of the submarine base at Groton, Conn., would result in a loss of 9.3 percent of the jobs in that community, and only 8.5 in Rapid City, SD if Ellsworth Air Force Base closes. But for Clovis, 20 percent of the jobs would be gone. The BRAC Commission must take that into account.

A second theme is drawn from the limited data we have. The Air Force made mistakes in assessing the military value of Cannon because some of the data its used was incorrect or outdated. For example, in one category, Cannon seems to have lost points because its range is 44 miles away. But it's not. It's only 20 miles away.

Finally, working together, the community will be able to make a strong case about capabilities the Pentagon failed to consider. The New Mexico Training Range Initiative will make Cannon an even better place to fly. The extension of the Clovis runway will give them an alternative airfield. And there is plenty of acreage to expand the base footprint at very low cost if they think they need it.

I opposed BRAC from the beginning and have always voted against it. I think it is the wrong way to do things at the wrong time. We will work together and do everything we can to keep Cannon open.

These are the words of Heather Wilson who represents New Mexico's 1st Congressional District, which includes Albuquerque.

These words are heard by all whether it is Democrat or Republican we here hear her words and we back her 100%. Do not close Cannon. BRAC needs to take a second look.

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June 10, 2005

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ATTENTION: The Honorable Philip Coyle

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Sincerely,

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178 Sandzen Drive
Clovis, NM 88101



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June 10, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner
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Dear Sir:

This letter comes to you from a gem in the midst of brown grass, mesquite trees and numerous cows, Clovis New Mexico, the proud home of Cannon Air Force Base. About four years ago my spouse and I had the privilege to PCS here to Cannon Air Force Base. Since that time we have retired and chosen to stay here in Clovis. I consider myself somewhat of an "expert" when it comes to relocating and would like you to know that I have never lived in a city like Clovis that accepts, embraces and encourages the new military families that relocate to this area.

I am a daughter of a twenty-year Navy veteran and a spouse of a twenty-year Air Force veteran. I have moved with the military twelve times in my lifetime and have learned throughout those years that not all communities want the military members or dependents in their cities. I recall once in Rome, New York standing in line at a grocery store hearing a woman behind me commenting on how those military members are so spoiled and remarking on how her life would be better without any of us in that city. I know what it feels like to see your child sit on the bench at a sporting event because the coach found out that he was a military dependent and would only be there for a short time, so why play him. I also recall reading letters to the editor of the local newspaper in Colorado Springs Colorado and in those letters the military members were blamed for all of the wrong in Colorado Springs. I can tell you that when your spouse is overseas in a dangerous situation you do not want to be located in a city where you do not feel wanted. Clovis New Mexico has been a breath of fresh air since the day we relocated here. Our military members and their families deserve to live in a place like Clovis where they are welcome and encouraged to become a part of the community.

I believe that we ask a great deal from our military members and they give willingly. These individuals serve our country for little pay, for little gratitude from the general public and with great personal sacrifice. Just today one of my co-workers just found out that her spouse is going to be shipped somewhere for four months on a humanitarian mission. He is very proud to serve his country, but he is also extremely glad that he is leaving his family in a place like Clovis, New Mexico. Don't we have a hard enough time keeping good people in the services? Perhaps living conditions should be considered when deciding which bases need to be closed. Places like Clovis are few and I think it is important we need to keep our bases, especially in the communities

where they are wanted. If Cannon Air Force Base is closed, the United States Air Force will be loosing its gem! I believe if you would join the others on their visit here to Cannon and Clovis you might see what potential this base has and how the community supports the military.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Runquist', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robbyn L. Runquist
Clovis, New Mexico

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Attn: Base Commander

Our world as we know it stopped May 13, 2005. We had had the election and nothing it to Cannon AFB and know we were safe. What happened?

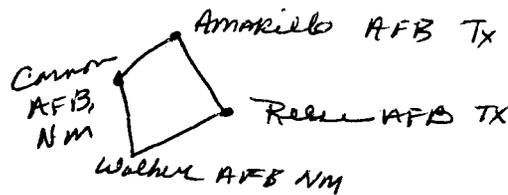
That I come to you get and it is our job as citizens of clear, nm to at you know about of the our facts.

- Unemployment are some
- At least 335 flying drop a year
- Our cities and their countries that has and depend on the
- Increase impact Cannon AFB is for the community.
- Farming large at the end of Norway. fuel savings... you cut!
- Abandonment from Norway
- Suspensions ability 2005
- Security for Fortify, Amnako, TX
- Homeland Security

Ours would be the fourth
AF base based in a one
hundred mile radius.

1. Amariello AFB, Amariello, TX
2. Walker AFB, Roswell, N.M.
3. Reese AFB, Lubbock, TX
- Now # 4. Cannon AFB, Clovis, NM

Its not been just an impact
on one town in one 100
mile radius but on everyone
and every town in this area:



That is to much to ask us to
bear.

And I do not want to hurt
another base but tell me if
this is to go by criteria why
not Luke AFB, AZ. That town is
Phoenix and surrounding area does
not want the base. The land would
be of more value to additional
business + homes and with out the
fear of a disaster accident over
residential housing. The noise factor also is

So much to do and so much
to consider. Please we ask treat
us fair.

Sincerely

Jim B. Lumbough
38 year resident
That loves CAFB.

See you in Clovis, NM
~~July~~

June 24, 2005

June 1, 2005

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Mr. Anthony J. Principi
Chairman, BRAC Committee, BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington , Va 22202

Dear Chairman, BRAC Committee Principi:

As a concerned citizen of Clovis, New Mexico, I am writing in reference to the proposed closure of Cannon Air Force Base. I see several reasons that support the removal of Cannon from the BRAC list. The reasons are listed below:

1. Weather—The location of Cannon is in one of the best areas of the country for flying. The weather in this are is perfect flying weather approximately 97% of the time. Flying time is essential for the pilots' training, and that is certainly available in Eastern New Mexico.
1. Safety Factors—Safety is a great consideration for keeping the base in Clovis. One factor to be considered when looking for reasons for keeping the base operating is the available air space for the pilots. There are no large commercial airports in the vicinity that might pose potential danger to the Air Force planes flying routine missions. The nearest large airports are both over a 100 miles away. Another factor to be considered is the proximity of the base. The base is located about seven miles from the city. It is in the country and the area is not heavily populated. This, I feel is ideal when you think about the possibility of an accident.. If a plane were to crash upon landing, casualties would be light when compared to the number of casualties if the base were in a heavily populated area.
3. Expansion—This is a very important factor. If the need for expansion were to come up in the future, Cannon could be expanded without any major problems. There is endless open ranch land around the base. The same can be said for the bombing range, which is, located about 40 miles from the base.
3. Mission—Cannon's mission has always been accomplished since the base's establishment. Good fighter pilots are produced at Cannon. I have been provided with information that shows that approximately 27 percent of the fighter pilots in the Iraq War came from Cannon.
4. Local Support—The citizens of Clovis are very supportive of Cannon and demonstrate their support in various ways. Always supporting the base and striving to meet the needs of base personnel and families are the municipal schools, the community college, city government, county government, and civic clubs. The cooperation between these entities and the base is evident in activities that take place

either on base or in the community. Parties from the community and the base work hand in hand to make activities succeed.

5. —Effect on Area—The closure of Cannon would have a devastating effect not only on Clovis but also on Portales and the surrounding area. The schools in Clovis, Melrose, and Portales will lose great numbers of students, which in turn will result in loss of state funding. Church membership will also be affected, as will youth sports activities. The economic impact will be tremendous. Real estate is one area of the area economy that will drastically be affected. The base closure would have a damaging effect on the area.

I hope that members of the BRAC Committee take the time to visit with citizens of Clovis and the area to see the sincere appreciation citizens of the area feel for Cannon and its personnel. I'm sure that committee members will have a different view of the closure. Your reconsideration of the closure will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arlene Martinez".

Arlene Martinez
A Concerned Citizen



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May 19, 2005

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

Dear BRAC Commission,

First I would like to say that I understand that what you are being asked to do is no easy task, and my prayers are with you all. My concern is that Cannon, AFB is on your list for closure. Cannon has won countless awards, both on ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels, and national and STAT levels. This is a top-notch base and according to the information provided to us by our community leaders Cannon doesn't fit the criteria provided for base closure.

We as a community has and will continue to reached out and supported the base financially, morally, spiritually and above all, consistently. Here are a few community projects completed for the improvement of the base training ability and housing issues. Curry County, along with the State of New Mexico, purchased air easements around Cannon, AFB and gave them to the Air Force. This was done to protect that air space from encroachment. This provides for safer and more realistic training scenarios for pilots, which was an important issue for the Air Force. Our community has also supported Cannon by purchasing the land north of Cannon Air Force Base and gave it back to the Air Force for additional housing, now known as Chavez Manor. Also within the last few years, our community purchased land west of Cannon and also gave it back to the Air Force for the installation of instrumental lighting on the alternate runway at the base.

Leaders within our community spearheaded the effort to expand and convert the air space to supersonic capability through the New Mexico Training Range Initiative. Once the New Mexico Training Range Initiative is implemented, we will be able to offer pilots the ability to fly supersonic during training missions. Which allows the Air Force to better train for real-life situations.

The convenience of the Melrose bombing range, which is seconds away from the end of the runway at Cannon allows pilots to get airborne, and immediately begin training operations. This saves money because the pilots aren't spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to the base. In my understanding the fuel used is very expensive.

The weather in Eastern New Mexico provides year round training ability. Which make Cannon the perfect candidate to support future training missions for the F-22 Joint Strike Fighter, and other military aircrafts.

Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, West Texas (including Amarillo and Lubbock) are home to a large military retiree population. These people rely on Cannon Air Force base for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more. There is not another installation close by to serve or retired military community.

In addition to all the point mentioned in my letter, the closing of Cannon Air Force Base would be a serious blow to our economy. New Mexico is high on the list as one of the poorest states in America.

The relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns: Clovis, Portales, West Texas, and others, is unlike any other installation in the country. This has been 50 years of a wonderful relationship and we feel it is important for the military mission to keep Cannon open and fully operational. Not only that but our community also enjoy the different community events that Cannon provides for the community such as Tops and Blue, Stars and Sound, and other open house activities from year to year,

Again, I commend you on the task you have before you. I thank you for taking the time to read my letter and for consider the points I have highlighted. I hope this information has given you a different perspective and decide that Cannon is essential to the mission of the military.

God Bless You,


Sandra A. Shaw

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Thank you for Saving Cannon Air Force Base!

Nancy Hightower
1704 S. Ave C
Fortales NM 88130

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(Nancy Hightower)

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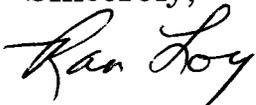
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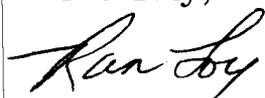
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Keeping the morale high for our military personnel is a key to operational readiness. The communities surrounding Cannon AFB are wholesome places to raise children, full of churches and charitable organizations. I'm sure you will receive many letters telling you of non-encroachment zones, supersonic airspace easements, bombing ranges, all of the military and civilian efforts to keep the base strong. But where military personnel live and raise their families is a tremendous issue. To have a base where the public welcomes and actively supports military families is a good reason to leave that base operational. Clovis and Portalis have expanded housing, hosted functions and been courted by the base for 50+ years. In the past five months you may have seen Clovis in the national news in a court case prosecuting the display of pornography by one of its citizens. The community and the eighty-some churches here are working to keep Clovis to a wholesome place to live.

Please, keep Cannon AFB open.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ran Loy
1416 Claremont Terrace
Clovis, NM 88101



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BRAC Commission
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Cannon has plenty of space for expansion, and the training provided to our fighting pilots is first rate.

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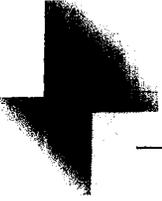
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Dear BRAC Commissioners,

My name is Robert B. Spencer. I am President & C.E.O. of ENMRSH, Inc., a Clovis based Community Rehabilitation Program. I want to take this opportunity to provide reasons why Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB) should not be closed. CAFB needs to be removed from the recommended list of closings for the following reasons:

1. Economic/Social - Closing of CAFB will have a significant economic impact on our community. At least 1 out of every 5 community jobs will be lost. At least 1/3 of the economic activity will go away. As an example, ENMRSH is a private, not-for-profit community rehabilitation program (CRP). Our company contracts with CAFB through the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) program to provide service under the three following service contracts: Shelf Stocking, Warehousing, and Janitorial Services at the base commissary; Food Services at the Pecos Trail Dining Hall Facility; and Switchboard Services at the main base communications center. ENMRSH employs over 100 persons at CAFB with 75 of those persons being individuals with severe disabilities. The closing of CAFB will eliminate employment for persons with severe disabilities in Clovis, New Mexico. Our community would never be able to recover from such a blow. National statistics reveal that nation-wide, 70% of persons with disabilities are unemployed. With the assistance of CAFB and our community, ENMRSH has created a wide range of community employment for persons with severe disabilities. The wages and benefits are some of the highest in the area. Most individuals who are severely disabled want to work and have a job in Clovis.

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Many of the individuals with severe disabilities employed by ENMRSH came from custodial state institutions. Those folks were totally dependent on the taxpayers. Thanks to the employment opportunities created by Cannon Air Force Base, many of these folks have become independent tax paying citizens. Many have become home owners and have established productive community lives. If CAFB closes, they will lose everything. Once again, they will become dependent and their lives will lack meaning.

I strongly believe that BRAC should consider the human, economic and social issues involved with closing CAFB.

2. Over 320 days of flying in great weather.
3. Lack of any form of encroachment on flying space or the Base itself.
4. Night as well as daytime flying periods.
5. CAFB has played a major role in the defense of our country since the 1950's.
6. During the Iraq war, approximately 28% of the ordinance was dropped by the 27th fighter wing from CAFB.
7. Clovis is a friendly military town with complete integration of the military with the non-military residents.
8. Adjacent bombing range - the planes can save fuel and spend more time on the range because they don't have to fly long distances to get there.
9. Available super sonic air space over eastern and southern New Mexico.

I realize that the Commission has a difficult job ahead. In reviewing the criterial used to keep a base open and off the closure list, CAFB appears to match up very well. When reviewing several other bases, they appear to not match up very well. For example, Luke Air Firce Base in Phoenix. The following major issues appear to be in conflict with the criteria:

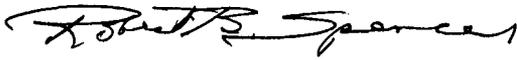
1. Encroachment - Luke is surrounded by encroachment on each side by developments and in the air from commercial air traffic.
2. Luke has only one direction planes can take off and land from.
3. Luke is unable to fly at night.

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4. Luke has limited day time flying.
5. Closing Luke would produce little economic impact for one of America's fastest growing cities.

There exists far more reasons for keeping CAFB open than it does for closing it. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Spencer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "S".

Robert B. Spencer
President & C.E.O.
ENMRSH, Inc.

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TO: BRAC Commission

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I Am very disturbed concerning CANNON AFB being on the list of closures.

The support from this community is UNSURPASSED. WE take our military FRIENDS into our HOMES, EAT with them, help them in ANY WAY WE CAN.

WE Buy land, GIVE it to the Air Force to build housing and runways - that's my money spent, then GIVEN AWAY.

No where can you have the WEATHER and OPEN AIR SPACE like EASTERN N.M. Our community (Clovis and Portales) is supporting super-sonic flight that is becoming AVAILABLE.

A LARGE populated community could LOSE A BASE with hardly A NOTICE - THERE ARE many ASKING for their

BASES BE closed - why would
you close A base that will
DEVASTATE A community?

I HAVE worked for 37 years in
Clovis, NM, supporting Cannon, building
my business so that one day
maybe enjoy retirement. If Cannon
closes I expect to lose my
home, my business and my
hope.

MAY common sense and our obvious
benefits show why Cannon must
stay open.

Thank you for your time.

Terry Rogers
1220 N Prince
Clovis NM

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Christine Ortiz
924 Comer Drive
Clovis, NM 88101



Attn: Anthony Principi

As a concerned citizen, I do feel that the list of closures does not take into consideration the future of the country at the present time, we are in a terrible situation overseas and I do not believe they really considered our situation. We were not in a war situation 4-5 years ago, whereas now it has changed and who knows how long this will drag on and therefore makes no sense to say they have outlived their usefulness. They really have not considered our country's future.

Comer continues to grow and it has the capabilities to keep up with growth as well as continues to fulfill missions overseas. We need this base for future missions and the room to grow and take on other personnel as well. The country's situation has changed and I feel this base closing, with the capabilities it has makes no sense to even be on the list, much less to close.

I do not feel that Reno Field really thought this through except to see numbers and yet the numbers from the last recommendations have not improved.

I don't think you can pick one base that is better utilized more than another because with the situation we are in, all bases, national guard units are needed.

Due to closures such as they have recommended, I think we will run into recruitment or retention problems. I feel everything should be put on hold until the situation gets better or some changes are considered. These recommendations should not have been made without all the information and data needed.

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To: Commusaler Chairman
Anthony J. Principi.

It is very distressing to know that our base in Clovis, New Mexico is even on the chopping block especially with all the capabilities it holds not to mention the fact that Cannon Air Force Base is in a community that supports its stay. \$100% Clovis has always been home to Cannon and we as a community, can't imagine not having Cannon.

Cannon is vital to the efforts overseas and with the situation in Iraq, I can't imagine any base being shut down or realigned at this time. Cannon has one of the best tactical fighter wings and although the F-16 are to be disbanded, this base has the capabilities to expand and grow as it does presently, day after day.

Cannon can deploy as quick as its notified and we continue to deploy and as long as the situation in Iraq or anywhere overseas continues, there is no base that must remain open to help with all the missions overseas.

It's not just over the economic impact because there will be one, not only to civilian life but Clovis is home to many retirees who depend on this base for all

their medical services that this base provides. There has been several who retired here because of access to the base and there are many who planned to retire here who are now worried what they would do.

We are friends with our military here. They are our neighbors, friends, church family members, our children's teachers, coaches and we truly could not imagine Cannon without Cannon.

This base is a wonderful asset to our community, the out-reach they give to our community has made such an awesome impact. They set a tremendous example to our young people here and I believe many of our youth who finish high school, do make the decision to join the military because their presence here is so highly visible and respected and I believe many see their future.

We have planes flying over all the time and it is such a wonderful and overwhelming feeling to know they are here protecting us and ourselves as well. They can fly 24-7 due to great weather, unrestricted air space and now we have expanded our air space and I can't imagine anyone thinking that Cannon has used up their

capabilities. Connor continues to grow
and learn and I can't think of a better
reason to keep Connor.

Keep Connor Open.

Christine Ortiz
Clavis N.M. 88101
Day Care Center Director



Dear Members of the BRAC Commission,

Thank you so much for taking the time to read all of the letters and e-mail from the community of Clouis, New Mexico. We know that you face a daunting task in reviewing the "base closure" list. Please carefully consider all the positive aspects of our Cannon Air Force Base.

This base is the backbone of our city and surrounding cities. It is extremely important to the economy of Eastern New Mexico. We love the people of Cannon and have a very good relationship with the base as a whole. Our city has purchased land to be given to the base in past years and has purchased air easements around Cannon for use by the Air Force. We have also spearheaded the effort to expand and convert air space to supersonic capability through the New Mexico Training Range Initiative. Our community has proven that we are ready and willing to make Cannon Air Force Base an efficient and effective training base for our military. We believe that because of what our area has to offer, it is in the best interest of the United States Government to keep Cannon Air Force base open and to even expand it for more use.

Cannon does not fit the government's criteria for closing. Our area in Clouis, Melrose, Portales, etc. has an abundance of air space that has no encroachment issues. It has high visibility, and beautiful flying weather year-round. These provide for safer and more realistic training scenarios for our pilots. We can offer pilots supersonic training capabilities as well if the NM Training Range Initiative is implemented. We are also located seconds away from the Melrose bombing range which allows pilots the ability to get airborne and immediately begin training without concern for refueling. Cannon provides an excellent atmosphere for joint war-fighting, training, and readiness as seen when we hosted the US Navy for training operations. Our available air space and ideal flying weather make Cannon the perfect candidate to support future training for the F-22, Joint Strike Fighter, and other military aircraft. Clouis and surrounding areas have also found their way into the hearts of our military personnel. A great number come back to us or retire here. Many have said that they have never been to a place as warm and hospitable as Clouis, New Mexico. The numerous

military retirees and dependants in
Clouis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, Lubbock,
and Amarillo, TX would not have a
military installation nearby for
medical services or shopping if it
were not for Cannon. Cannon Air Force
Base is important to Clouis, New Mexico,
to the Air Force, and to the safety of
the United States of America.

Please carefully consider all that
we have to offer. Please do not
close Cannon Air Force Base.

Sincerely,

Ric and Monica Justus



June 14, 2005

The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Honorable Samuel K. Skinner,

I am writing to you regarding the closure of Cannon AFB. Throughout my husbands' military career, we have been stationed at several bases. Each town has been different in what it has to offer the military community. Clovis, however, has been exceptional. The community is what makes Cannon an outstanding base. I have never seen such an overwhelming outpouring of acceptance. When we arrived at Cannon and were unloading our moving truck, our neighbors came over to help. They were not military members, just caring individuals. One neighbor brought a box filled with food because she knew we had just arrived and had not been to the grocery store. This has never happened to us before.

When we were stationed at Langley AFB, the military housing we lived in was in the Sound Tunnel. Shortly after 9/11 the planes were flying constantly. When I would go to a near by store or restaurant, people in the establishment would be complaining about the noise. It amazed me because a serious event had just occurred and there were individuals more concerned about the noise than the purpose of those flights. I have not witnessed any discontent like that here in Clovis when the base is conducting exercises or with the daily flights.

My children have attended school in four different school districts. The Clovis MSD does not separate or note any difference between military students and non-military students. When we were stationed at Edwards AFB, I served as a School Board Member representing Edwards. During our School Board Meetings, Boron and North Edwards community members would address the board requesting the district be separated. In their statements they believed the base had too much influence on the district and did not want to be affiliated with the base. It was very sad to hear the community members want to disassociate themselves in this manner. The outlining towns and the base depended on each other, yet the small towns could not see it. Clovis and Cannon depend on each other as well, but this relationship has been built on respect and trust.

Cannon is a base without any encroachments. There are not housing developments popping up close to the base or strip malls being constructed outside the

gate. Cannon has open land on three sides. Cannon has the ability to expand whereas others have the city directly outside the gates. There is no graffiti, dilapidated buildings, tenement homes or abandoned structures surrounding Cannon AFB. The air space is not filled with commercial or private aircraft. It is an ideal location to bring additional aircraft or squadrons. Cannon has great potential and it is disheartening the Pentagon does not see this.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration in visiting Clovis and hearing why our community feels so strongly that Cannon should remain open.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan Finch". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Jan Finch
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