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Anthony J. Principi, Chairman
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Chairman Principi,

I had the pleasure of sitting next to you, and met you at a NFWL conference where you were honored by the National Federation of Women Legislators. I am writing you in regard to Cannon Air Force Base. We feel all the facts were not considered when assessing the merits of Cannon Air Force Base.

Cannon provided the military a long-term site with no encroachment, unlimited airspace. The flying weather in Eastern New Mexico and surrounding area allows more flying days than perhaps other areas that are being considered. Also, the bombing area is another consideration that would be a great loss to the military.

Of all the bases that are on the BRAC list, Cannon is the most heavily impacted with a loss of an estimated 4,700 jobs. This is approximately 20.5 per cent of the work force. The next closest base impact was at 11.6 per cent.

I would hope you and members of your committee would take a close look at the devasation this will cause not only to Clovis, but many of the communities surrounding here as well as the entire State of New Mexico.
Cannon is and has been a great military assest in protecting our nation. With all the threats around the world, I would hope you would reconsider.

Sincerely,

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