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Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
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Dear Chairman Principi and Commissioners:

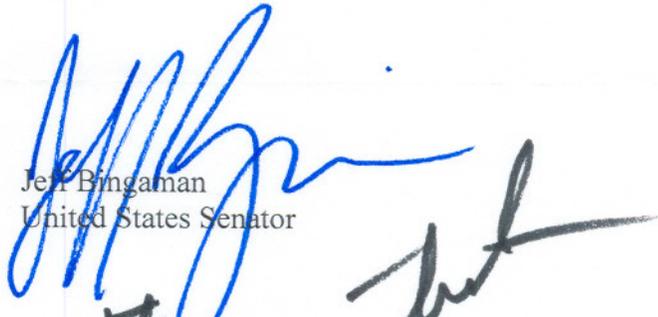
Given the extraordinary adverse economic impact facing the community of Clovis as a result of the BRAC recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base, we strongly urge all nine commissioners to attend the Clovis regional hearing scheduled for Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

It is our understanding that, at present, three commissioners will attend the Clovis regional hearing. We appreciate and respect the demanding travel schedule the commission has set to ensure three commissioners are present at each hearing throughout the country. However, the Department of Defense estimates that at least 20 percent of the Clovis area economy will be adversely affected should Cannon Air Force Base close. This equals more than twice the percentage of adverse impact facing nearly every other local economy nationwide as a result of the BRAC. In light of these potentially severe consequences, we believe it is critical that each commissioner hear, firsthand, the presentation concerning Cannon Air Force Base. We and local leaders in the Clovis community stand ready to do all we can to accommodate this request.

Your consideration of this matter is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Pete V. Domenici  
United States Senator

  
Jeff Bingaman  
United States Senator

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