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BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

The enclosed "Keep Cannon" resolutions were approved at the Eastern Plains Council of Governments Executive Committee meeting on May 25, 2005 and the Board of Directors meeting on June 15, 2005.

The Eastern Plains Council of governments has encouraged local governments throughout the region to actively and aggressively support this effort by writing letters, e-mails and communications demonstrating their support for the continued existence of Cannon Air Force Base.

Sincerely,

Leland D. Tillman
Executive Director

cc: Governor Richardson
Congressional Delegation

EASTERN PLAINS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS "KEEP CANNON" Resolution

WHEREAS, Cannon Air Force Base has a long history of both combat and peace time service to the safety and security of the country; and,

WHEREAS, local governments in the Eastern Plains region have strongly supported Cannon Air Force Base, its mission and the United States Air Force personnel and their families; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense, on May 13, 2005, announced its recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base as part of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program; and,

WHEREAS, Cannon Air Force Base has favorable flying conditions, its in close proximity to the Melrose Bombing Range, has recently refurbished both runways and other infrastructure, and has infrastructure capable of accommodating an expanded mission; and,

WHEREAS, through foresight and planning by local and state officials, air right easements have been previously acquired to eliminate encroachment issues that have impacted other Air Force bases; and,

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Training Range Initiative should be finalized before the end of 2005, allowing supersonic training at Melrose Bomb Range and the associated military airspace; and,

WHEREAS, from the inception of the air expeditionary force (AEF) concept, Cannon Air Force Base has served as a lead wing; and,

WHEREAS, Cannon personnel and their families have contributed greatly to the regional community, and the region has provided a supportive home to those military families; and,

WHEREAS, the closure of Cannon Air Force Base would have a significant adverse impact on the Eastern Plains region, both financially and culturally; and,

WHEREAS, the EPCOG believes that the closure recommendation fails to consider all of the positive attributes of Cannon, and

WHEREAS, Governor Richardson and our Congressional leaders have pledged support to reverse the recommendation of the Defense Department; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Eastern Plains region support Cannon Air Force Base and the efforts to resist closure; and,

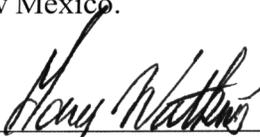
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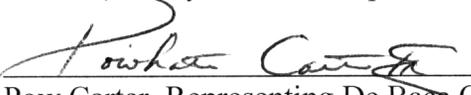
WHEREAS, the Eastern Plains Council of Governments seeks the involvement, support and assistance of communities throughout the region to successfully persuade the BRAC Commission to remove Cannon Air Force Base from the closure list.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Eastern Plains Council of Governments Executive Committee make every effort to remove Cannon Air Force Base from the BRAC closure list, and encourage local governments throughout the region to actively and aggressively support this effort by writing letters, e-mails and communications demonstrating their support for the continued existence of Cannon Air Force Base.

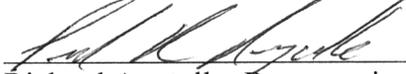
DONE this 25th day of May, 2005 at a meeting of the Executive Committee held in Clovis, New Mexico.



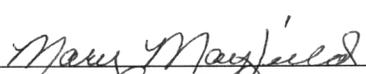
Chairman Gary Watkins, Representing Portales



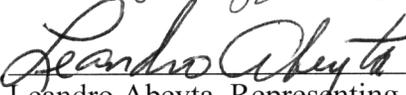
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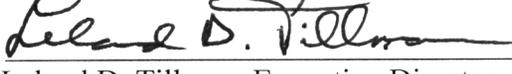
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Mary Mayfield, Representing Tucumcari



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DONE this 15th day of June, 2005 at a meeting of the Board of Directors held in Clovis, New Mexico.

Bethy Maye

Lynne Coffman

Shirley Brooks

Mary Mayfield

Robert Cantor

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May 25, 2005

BRAC Commission
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Re: "KEEP CANNON INITIATIVE"

To Whom It May Concern:

As Mayor of the Village of Des Moines, Union County, New Mexico, I am writing this to let you know that the Village of Des Moines strongly supports the City of Clovis and the Clovis City Commission in their efforts to have Cannon Air Force Base removed from the BRAC closure list.

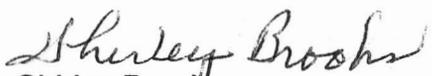
All of Eastern and Northeastern New Mexico would be greatly affected if the Cannon Air Force Base were closed. There are many area students who live in the Clovis and the Portales areas: while attending college. These students also work to help pay their way through college. The economic impact would be very far reaching, as many families around the state and west Texas would be affected. Many young people would be unable to find employment to help support themselves while attending College.

Cannon Air Force Base through the foresight and planning by our military, local and state officials has become a necessary component for the military and security needs for our country.

Removing Cannon Air Force Base from the closure list will not only help the Clovis, Portales and surrounding areas but also the entire Eastern and Northeastern side of New Mexico and West Texas.

Thank you, for your consideration in this diligent effort by all.

Respectfully,


Shirley Brooks
Mayor, Village of Des Moines

CC: City of Clovis, Claire Burroughes