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

RE: CANNON AIR FORCE BASE CLOSURE--RECONSIDER.

Honorable Commissioners,

CAFB is a valuable asset to the government, once you have a base and close it you can never get it back

It has expanded air space.

Expanding bombing range (Melrose, NM Bombing Range).

Recently approved Supersonic Corridor, effective in October this year.

CAFB has the ability to expand the base in any direction.

Cost of land and severice is lower in the rural Southwest (thats us).

Cost of flying operations is lower due to close proximity to the Melrose Bombing Range, expanded air space.

320 annual average days of flying weather.

Virtually no private or commercial air traffice for the military to contend with.

Military personnel have lower cost of living and good morale. because of our climate

CAFB also has the 27th Fighter Wing, with is know as the GO TO mobile group.

The communities have supported Cannon Air Force Base , from encroachments and to obtain expanded air space and the New Supersonic Coridor. The CAFB area and and communities of Eastern New Mexico , I think the military will not find a harded working and a supportive area to help the military with CAFB.

I am writing this in support of CANNON AIR FORCE BASE and asking you to reconsider the closing of the base.

I don;t on a personal level understand why since we are at War, are we closing our bases.

You want recuts for the Armed Services, but still you are closing our

bases. You say you are doing this to save money do you not care about saving lives in another attack or attacks.

. Sincerely,

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