

BRAC Commission

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2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

Dear Honorable Philip Coyle:

Cannon Air Force Base is a vital asset to Clovis and Portales, NM. I fear that the closing of the base will have a devastating effect on our economy.

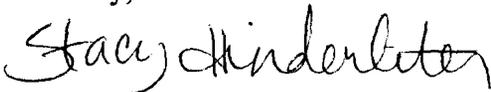
Cannon is unique in that it offers wide open airspace without mountains and other additional risks to the Air Force pilots. Reduced environmental costs encourage cost-efficient training. Cannon is a strong asset to the United States Air Force.

I recognize the positive influence that Cannon has on our community. Military personnel feel welcome and at home. Many have donated time to our local charities and have set wonderful examples. I appreciate them and would deeply regret to see them leave.

An estimated 20 percent of the workforce will be lost if Cannon is closed. Clovis and Portales, as you know, are small communities with a very limited source of employment. Without CAFB, many people will be unemployed and this will cause disaster among this exceptional community. I am very concerned that with an increase in the unemployment rate, the local crime rate will increase as well.

I have grown up here and I consider this community my home. Please let Clovis and Portales continue to prosper with the enormous help of Cannon Air Force Base. Please, I ask of you, let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,



Stacy Hinderliter

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June 28, 2005

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Dear BRAC COMMISSIONERS:

As a concerned Realtor of Clovis, New Mexico and for the keeping of Cannon Air Force Base, I want you to hear my personal reasons for taking Cannon off the base closure list.

I am sitting here in my real estate office just waiting for the phone and my cell phone to ring. It is dead quiet. I had over 79 buyers most of which were military due with orders for Cannon in May-Sept this year. Most have contacted me and said they would need to take a rental if they could find one and could not consider buying until Cannon AFB is removed from the list. I reply to each of them that I understand and when Cannon is removed from the list I will be here. Real Estate is my life and it is what I do best turning dreams and housing needs into homes, securities, and lifestyles.

I have an income of about \$230,000.00 a year with 2 full time assistants which are my family members that I support. My income is usually \$9000.00 a month and this month I will be lucky to bring in \$1,200.00 income from 2 small mobile home sales for non military in Ft Sumner, NM.

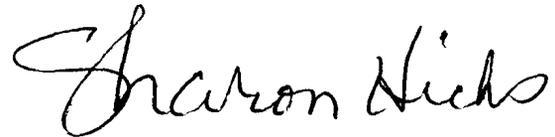
I do not know what to plan for my next few months. I have 7 web sites to maintain and numerous dues and office bill to pay as well as car payment and household expenses. I am cutting out all frivolous treats that I have enjoyed. I realize this is not your fault, but I just want you to understand what a position this BRAC closure is placing on myself and many others affected by just the announcement.

It was a real joy to have 6 of the commissioners as well as our State Governor, Lt. Governor, and Senators as well as State Representatives in our local hotel last weekend. I was part of the welcoming committee who had the opportunity to distribute fresh flowers and welcome baskets to many of your rooms. I called out your names before God as I went from room to room turning on the air conditioner and placing water in your refrigerator. This was not just an act of kindness, but one of opportunity. I want you to know that I personally prayed for each of you to be fair and to listen to our delegation pour out our Cannon facts and misconceptions that had been previously given to the DOD. They so eloquently spoke in behalf of each and every Clovis and Portales citizen and with our good in mind. It was my pleasure to be part of the people who lined the street in front of the RE/MAX hot air balloon and then hurry to take my seat at Marshall to hear the powerful and heartfelt presentation by Senator Pete Domenici, Senator Jeff Bingaman, and Rep. Heather Wilson, and Rep. Tom Udall as well as our Governor Bill Richardson and his Lt. Gov. Demish. I was so proud to hear Randy Harris and Chad Lydick speak words of truth about our economic forecast and how well our base has excelled in missions and are looking for a bright future with additional missions that are

currently being made possible by the additional air space being purchased. We do love our community and we do love the military families who live here and have become part of us and want to stay here for a long time.

I want to personally plead with you to consider and reconsider the previous decision to place Cannon AFB on the BRAC list and consider the impact on our local area communities and our economy as well as my personal livelihood as a Realtor. I want those emails to keep coming in and I want to assist more and more families find the American Dream of home ownership.

Sincerely,
SHARON HICKS

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Hicks". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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Clavis - Fortales community and have no
Air Force connection outside of many friends
and fellow Presbyterians who have been
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TO: BRAC Commissioners

DATE: 6-9-05

SUBJECT: Reconsider and take Cannon AFB off the closure list

Because of the need of
MILITARY + COMMUNITY, I DON'T
THINK AN ACCURATE STUDY
HAS BEEN MADE PLEASE KEEP
CANNON AFB BASE OPEN

Signed 
Barry Pacheco 595 769-1015
PS: On a personal note, 1600 West Grand
Crows NM 88101