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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi – Chairman
BRAC Commission

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The Honorable Phillip Coyle
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As a member of the Curry County community, I believe the closure of Cannon Air Force Base would be very detrimental to this community. Cannon AFB has a large impact on Eastern New Mexico and West Texas to include Lubbock Texas and Amarillo Texas. Upon the closure of Walker AFB in Roswell New Mexico, it has taken many years for this town to recover and build back up. The closure of Cannon AFB would cause a loss of 21% of the area work force. Cannon has one of the largest bombing ranges in the USA and is a supersonic base. I feel all these factors need to be considered when it is talked about the closure of the Cannon AFB.

Thank you,


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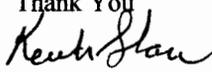
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