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Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Arlington, VA 22202

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Dear Mr. Principi:

I am writing to convey my support of the continued operation of the Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico. I was appalled to learn of the recommendation of the BRAC to close the Cannon Air Force Base. Closure of the Base would have detrimental effects on the City of Clovis and eastern New Mexico.

The City of Clovis and eastern New Mexico depend on the Cannon Air Force Base for survival. The base, home to more than 4,000 active-duty members, plays vital social and economic roles in Clovis and eastern New Mexico. Long-standing community support has always been evident through the Base's commitment to mentoring and tutoring of school-aged children, city chamber activities, and involvement in churches and veterans organizations.

On behalf of the citizens of Clovis and eastern New Mexico, I ask that you reconsider the future of the Cannon Air Force Base in favor of continued operations. It is in New Mexico's best interest to maintain the social and economic stability that the Base has fostered since the 1920's.

The Cannon Air Force Base must continue operations in the interest of national security as well. It can continue as a training field for honorable citizens who devote themselves to serving our great country. Without adequate training fields to develop the skills of our armed service personnel, our nation becomes vulnerable. Americans cannot afford to step down and allow the closure of vital bases.

Sincerely,

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