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Dear Chairman Principi and Commissioners:

I join New Mexico's distinguished Senators Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman in respectfully urging all nine commissioners to attend the Clovis, New Mexico regional hearing on Friday, June 24th. Given the extraordinary adverse economic impact facing the community of Clovis as a result of the BRAC recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base, the Senators and I believe the presence of all commissioners would be appropriate.

It is my understanding that three commissioners plan to attend the Clovis regional hearing. I appreciate and respect the demanding travel schedule the commission has set to ensure three commissioners are present at each hearing throughout the country. However, the Department of Defense estimates that at least 20 percent of the Clovis area economy will be adversely affected should Cannon Air Force Base close. This equals more than twice the percentage of adverse impact facing nearly every other local economy nationwide as a result of the BRAC. In light of these potentially severe consequences, we believe it is critical that each commissioner hear, firsthand, the presentation concerning Cannon Air Force Base. I, New Mexico's Senators, and local leaders in the Clovis community stand ready to do all we can to accommodate this request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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