May 23, 2005

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir,

I am very disturbed to hear that Cannon Air Force Base is on the closure list. Cannon is one of the few bases with room to expand without endangering the public or encroaching on public and private lands. The weather allows for year round flying time in terrain very much like that in the desert areas of the Middle East.

I want a strong military to protect my country with a well trained fighting force. I hold each member of the BRAC Commission accountable for stewardship of my tax dollar and the security of my homeland. I feel that keeping Cannon Air Force Base active is one of the best ways to accomplish this goal.

Please reconsider the closure list.

Sincerely,

Janet Collins
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Portales, New Mexico 88130