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The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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Arlington, VA 22202

RE: Cannon Air Force Base

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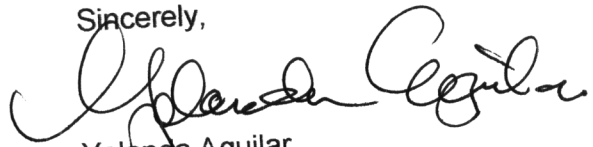
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The closure of Cannon will also have a devastating impact on our economy. It has been estimated that the area will lose at least 20 percent of its workforce, a percentage out of line with the effect of base closings in other communities. There is always a shortage of employment opportunities in this area and many civilians will have to leave to find new jobs. Cannon is critical for our community to continue to be successful.

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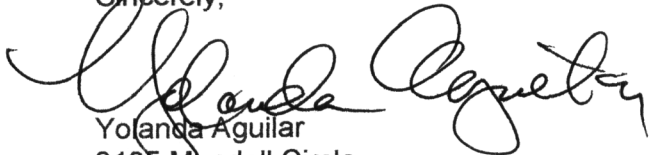
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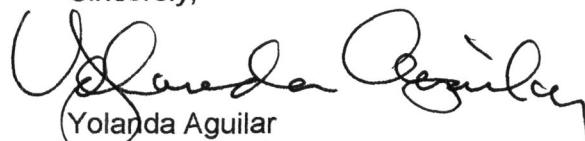
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