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Dear Sirs:

I am hopeful this letter will arrive before your visit to Clovis, NM.

I will appeal to all of you on a different level than that of most of the letters you've received.

I am a retired 3rd grade elementary school teacher. I taught 22 years in the Clovis School system and three years in Houston, TX. I am a native of Clovis, born + raised here. I requested that my husband begin his practice in optometry in Clovis upon graduation so I could be with my family in a town I loved.

The last twelve years of my teaching career I was in a school with a high population of Cannon Air Force children. It was unbelievable the experiences and travels these wonderful

children had. What a tremendous amount they added to my classroom as they recounted places and experiences they had! The other children learned so much from them. Many of the Clovis children had never been out of a 100 mile radius of Clovis. What bright children the Cannon children were & such an asset to the class. They brought pictures, photos and adventures. Their diversity added so much to our classroom.

If for no other reason, if you could only reconsider us, every teacher in Clovis would be grateful.

Sincerely,
Gay Simnacher