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Greetings,

I am writing to you from Clovis, New Mexico concerning the recent announcement of Cannon AFB, NM being listed for possible base closure.

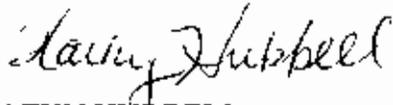
I was born and raised here in Clovis and have worked on-base as a permanent Civil Service employee for just over 20 years. Cannon AFB is not just the single largest employer in this area; it is a part of this community like no other. The military folks stationed here are a part of the community—I went to school from grade school through college with folks connected to the military. The numbers of family members impacted our school programs and school budget. When I worked downtown, our friends, customers, and co-workers were associated with the base. Also, those sitting beside us in Church and participating in community activities. Since I've been working on base, our lives are intertwined immeasurably working towards a common goal—to make Cannon AFB and the local area the best possible place to work and live.

Cannon is also in an enviable position of having whole-hearted local community support. I spent 8 years in Cannon's Real Property Office and have worked with local farmers and ranchers as well as local community leaders during previous expansion projects—all were beneficial to the Air Force expanding when necessary. Just a few years ago, local community leaders bought land north of the base and gave it to the Air Force for additional housing as well as land purchased and given to the Air Force to install lighting on our alternate runway. I know their continued support could be counted on in any future expansion projects.

Curry County and the State of New Mexico purchased air easements 10+ years ago and gave them to the Air Force. Our airspace and ramp space could easily support training or real-world requirements. Not to mention, our weather is unbeatable—perfect year-round flying weather. The updated infrastructure and state-of-the-art facilities would also aid in any future expansion projects or support mission changes as needed. Also community meetings recently began to add super-sonic flying during training missions. The mini-mutes already in place in the surrounding areas provide excellent “real-world” training for our pilots and those who come here for training. We regularly see other aircraft using Cannon airspace for training.

We hope the BRAC Commission will be duly impressed when visiting the Clovis/Cannon area next month with the support of the local communities and the potential for Cannon Air Force Base. We are a viable fighting resource for this country and hope to continue with that proud tradition.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Hubbell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

KATHY HUBBELL