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Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 S. Clark St., Ste. 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

Thank you for taking the time to visit New Mexico and Cannon Air Force Base.

Though your schedule prevented you from taking part in the hearing, I want to personally thank you for attending the site visit.

By coming to visit us, we were able to show you what Cannon means to New Mexico and to West Texas. Throughout your visit, I hope we made the case that our **wide-open airspace, lack of encroachment** and **clear flying weather** should make Cannon a candidate for **expansion** and not closure.

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Commissioner James H. Bilbray  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
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Dear Commissioner Bilbray:

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Commissioner Sue E. Turner  
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Commissioner Lloyd W. Newton  
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Commissioner James T. Hill  
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Commissioner Philip Coyle  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
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