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Governor Richardson to Hold Town Hall Meeting in Clovis

Congressional Delegation to Combat Defense Department Recommendation

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson will hold a Town Hall meeting in Clovis today to meet with local officials to launch the fight to overturn the Defense Department recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base as part of the 2005 base realignment and closure (BRAC) process. **U.S. Senators Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman and Representative Tom Udall will participate in the Town Hall via teleconference.**

"I am disappointed by this perplexing decision by the Bush Administration because we worked tirelessly for nearly three years to make a strong case for the military value of all of our bases, including Cannon Air Force Base," said Governor Richardson. "We will work immediately to convince BRAC Commissioners that the Pentagon overlooked the obvious strengths of Cannon, including its value to the nation's military mission and the fact that there is no encroachment upon the base in Clovis."

Governor Richardson today ordered the immediate release of \$300,000 to the New Mexico Military Base Planning Commission to fight this recommendation.

The Town Hall meeting will be held at **9:00 a.m. Monday, May 16, 2005** at the **Clovis Carver Library - North Annex** on 701 Main Street in Clovis. The meeting will be broadcast live by Cox Communications - Channel 10.

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