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Message:

These comments strongly support keeping all of El Paso's Fort Bliss Army Post (USA, Department of the Army) within the boundaries of U.S. Congressional District 16, which has long included almost all of the City of El Paso and El Paso County. For the last 95 years (since 1926), parts of Fort Bliss--known as "Castner Range"--have reached almost to the summits of El Paso's six-peak Franklin Mountains Range (highest: 7,192 feet above sea level). Fort Bliss is El Paso's largest employer by far. The connection between "Bliss" and the residents of El Paso--and by no means only those employed by the post--is long, deep, intrinsic and of considerable historical standing. To break that connection would be a flat-out slap in the face of all El Pasoans regardless of political affiliation. If there is one thing that every El Pasoan supports it is Fort Bliss. We know our post, we love our post, and we fervently want to RETAIN our post. So please--Senate Special Committee on Redistricting--let's keep Fort Bliss where it always has belonged--right here in District 16!