



NMBC Policy Positions for the 2025 Legislative Session

Public Safety: New Mexico needs to end 'catch and release' policies for repeat offenders, stop providing sanctuary to those living here illegally who commit crimes, reinstate liability protections for police and enforce the laws already on the books.

Tax Code: Replace the Gross Receipts Tax with a simple sales tax, limit special interest tax breaks while making military/federal/state retirement income (including social security) tax-free.

Employment Laws: Stop government-mandated wages and benefits which drive up costs, cause businesses to close, limit work hours and reduce job opportunities.

Education & Workforce Development: Revamp education using successful models from other states that hold administrators accountable for student outcomes. Focus on English, math, and reading proficiency with available vocational/job skills classes.

State Budget: New Mexico's budget should be based on steady, recurring expenses, not temporary surplus or one-time federal funds. Infrastructure funding should be distributed fairly based on each county's economic activity and tax contributions. School funding should prioritize student outcomes over administration.

Economic Incentives: Focus economic incentives on creating and keeping jobs in New Mexico, benefiting local businesses instead of out-of-state companies. Tax funded incentives should include strict accountability with defined job metrics and repayment penalties if requirements are not met.

Energy: Policy should balance environmental stewardship with realistic and affordable energy needs. Support of fossil fuel energy produced in New Mexico that funds the state budget, schools, jobs and more must be maintained.

Regulatory Burdens: Reduce unnecessary regulations that hold back New Mexico's growth.

State Control: Legislators should support a Convention of States to set federal term limits, require a balanced budget, and reduce federal control over state issues.

These positions were revised on 12/17/2024. The wording might be slightly tweaked and altered before the Legislative Session, depending on the input we get from our members via survey.