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**New Poll Results Give Insight into the Needs of New Mexicans.**

Albuquerque, NM. A poll commissioned by the New Mexico Business Coalition made abundantly clear that New Mexicans have a lot on their minds during the current legislative session. The poll and all related data were released today and posted on [nmbizcoalition.org](http://nmbizcoalition.org).

The state's crime crisis is top of mind, and people across all age groups and ethnicities want serious work done to correct it. They want stricter enforcement and more significant penalties for repeat offenders and theft. However, legislators have tabled numerous bills that take a hard stance in addressing crime.

Carla Sonntag, president and CEO of the New Mexico Business Coalition, said, "People are tired of the out-of-control crime in this state and living in fear." They don't want any more excuses from legislators; they want solutions."

Seventy percent of New Mexicans want the state income tax repealed, but legislators have tabled HB 275 Eliminate Personal Income Tax.

Ninety percent of people polled believe the state should take steps to ensure that drugs, gangs, and human traffickers cannot enter New Mexico from our southern border. But the Senate just passed Senate Bill 36, which prohibits state agencies such as the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) from complying with information requests by federal law enforcement agencies regarding illegal immigrants.

"The problem with what we're seeing in this legislative session is that many legislators are completely out of touch with what New Mexicans want and need," Sonntag said. "I hope they will take the time to review this poll and take the appropriate action. There is still plenty of time to address New Mexico's needs and stop pushing personal agendas that don't match reality."

The survey of respondents was conducted from January 31 – February 6, 2025, through a series of online surveys delivered via SMS messages. 541 survey respondents were randomly selected from a demographically proportionate sample of 2025 New Mexico registered voters. The survey has a  $\pm 4.213$  % margin of error with a confidence level of 95%.

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