



**NEW MEXICO**  
**BUSINESS COALITION**

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RE: Support **HB 274 Trafficking Fentanyl as 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Felony**

Mr./Madame Chair and Committee Members:

The New Mexico Business Coalition (NMBC) represents hundreds of businesses and thousands of New Mexicans. We focus on making New Mexico a better place to live and work, with abundant good-paying jobs to provide for our families.

NMBC strongly supports HB 274 Trafficking Fentanyl as a 1st Degree Felony as a vital step toward enhancing public safety in New Mexico. This bill establishes life imprisonment as the standard sentence for those convicted of fentanyl trafficking, ensuring that offenders face the most severe consequences.

By imposing stronger penalties, this legislation holds criminals accountable, removes dangerous individuals from our streets, and helps protect communities across the state.

For these reasons and others articulated by the bill sponsor, we strongly urge you to vote YES on HB 274 to support the safety and well-being of all New Mexicans.

Thank you for considering my comments,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carla J. Sonntag".

**Carla J. Sonntag**  
President and CEO