



NEW MEXICO BUSINESS COALITION

2026 Legislative & Policy Positions

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

Healthcare in NM: The legislature must correct laws passed previously that encourage medical malpractice lawsuits, which are driving doctors/surgeons/specialists out of NM.

Tax Code: Replace the Gross Receipts Tax with a simple sales tax; limit special interest tax breaks while making military retirement income and social security income tax-free. Return any 'tax surplus' to taxpayers and stop expanding government spending.

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

Education & Workforce Development: Focus economic incentives on creating and retaining private-sector jobs in New Mexico, benefiting local businesses rather than out-of-state companies. Tax-funded incentives should include strict accountability, defined metrics, and repayment penalties if requirements are not met.

Employment Laws: Stop government-mandated wages and benefits, which drive up costs, cause businesses to close, limit work hours, and reduce job opportunities. The proposed 'Paid Family Medical Leave' laws (in addition to the 8 days of paid time for health issues per employee per year already in place) would cause many more small businesses to close or downsize available jobs.

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

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

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