



NEW MEXICO BUSINESS COALITION

Dear John,

New Mexico's future economy depends on whether we are preparing the next generation to participate in it, and current trends are raising serious concerns.

Workforce Watch: 32,000 Young New Mexicans Disconnected

Recent reports show approximately 32,000 New Mexicans ages 16–24 are neither working nor enrolled in school. That means thousands of young adults are disconnected from the workforce, education, and long-term economic opportunity.

For businesses across the state, this directly affects workforce availability, economic growth, productivity, and New Mexico's ability to compete for investment and job creation.

A strong economy requires a dependable, ready-to-work talent pipeline. Yet employers across New Mexico continue reporting difficulty finding and retaining qualified workers, while tens of thousands of young people remain outside both education and employment systems.



Legislative Accountability Matters

Legislators control funding for public education, workforce readiness, and career training programs. Taxpayers are investing billions into these systems, but the outcomes are not meeting expectations. When 32,000 young adults are not at work or school, accountability matters.

Every seat in the New Mexico House of Representatives is on the ballot this November. Voters have an opportunity to evaluate whether current leadership is producing measurable results and supporting policies that strengthen both businesses and the future workforce.

New Mexico's families, employers, and communities deserve policies that reconnect young people to education, employment, and long-term opportunity.

Strong Workforce = Strong New Mexico

Supreme Court Decision Reignites Debate Over Voting Districts

A recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on redistricting and the Voting Rights Act generated sharply different reactions across national media outlets, highlighting the deep divide over race and election law.



National Headlines Reflect Sharp Division

Headlines from the major news outlets highlight the growing division in the nation. For example:

- NPR: [“The U.S. Supreme Court strikes another severe blow to the Voting Rights Act.”](#)
- CNN: [“Supreme Court limits reach of the Voting Rights Act.”](#)
- Fox News: [“Supreme Court rules on key Voting Rights Act rule as Republicans and Democrats wage redistricting war.”](#)

NMBC's Position on Fair Elections

At NMBC, we believe voting rights should never be partisan or prejudiced. The Court's ruling reaffirmed the principle that governments should not sort citizens into voting districts primarily on the basis of race. Fair elections depend on equal treatment under the law and districts drawn using consistent, race-neutral standards.

Every American voter deserves confidence that election systems are fair, transparent, and applied equally.

Thank you for staying informed and engaged in the future of New Mexico's business climate and workforce.



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