

1) State Budget: *Leadership and fiscal responsibility, not Band-Aids!* New Mexico needs a responsible budget that effectively provides for the state's needs of adequate staffing with fair pay for qualified individuals. It also means putting a stop to pet projects that do not benefit the state as a whole.

2) Manufacturing: *NMBC is the state affiliate for the National Association of Manufacturing (NAM) and together we are looking to expand manufacturing in New Mexico.* We must find a way to make business creation and growth a priority. This requires revamping every state agency with a focus on supporting business, not impeding them with onerous regulation that slows or stops growth and creation.

3) Regulatory burdens: *Reduce the impact of unnecessary regulation and watch New Mexico flourish!* While sound regulation is necessary, NM tends to create and enforce regulation that can be an impediment to business creation and growth without accomplishing a desired result. Every government agency should review its regulations and determine: 1) Is it necessary? 2) Can implementation be streamlined? and 3) Is it contradictory or duplicative with other regulation.

4) Permanent Fund: *Permanent Fund depletion will hurt the future of New Mexico children!* The Land Grant Permanent Fund (LGPF) is New Mexico's education endowment fund. Student enrollment outside of higher education has remained steady while funding has increased by more than \$900 million. Yet, New Mexico's educational system continues to fail in nationwide comparisons. Accountability is the answer to failure – not increased funding.

5) Public Safety: *Safety breeds prosperity!* a) New Mexico's criminal code must be strengthened to stop repeat offenders; b) Stop the practice of Sanctuary Cities; and c) Develop tougher DUI laws. Until New Mexico is deemed safer, we cannot attract new companies or maintain those that we have. New Mexicans deserve to feel safe in their communities.

6) Wages: *Forced wages = fewer jobs!* Increased government mandated wages will result in forced inflation, reduced hours for workers and fewer jobs for New Mexicans. The best way to help New Mexico's low income families improve their economic outlook is to provide effective skills training.

7) Employment laws: *Consistency is key and that's what pre-emption would provide!* NMBC wants uniform, consistent laws throughout the state to address wages and benefits rather than a patchwork of laws developed at local levels. In addition, Right-to-Work legislation would increase employee rights and remove an existing hurdle for increased corporate expansion in New Mexico.

8) Workforce development: *A good education is the first step in developing a quality workforce!* New Mexico's educational system is failing from the bottom up and should be reconfigured with modeling from successful states. We need to provide our children with a good education as well as new employment opportunities through the expansion of job opportunities.

9) New Mexico Tax Code: *Smart tax management means more state revenue!* The tax code should be rewritten to eliminate useless tax incentives and provide a sound revenue base. A clean, fair tax code will promote business growth, employment and stabilize state revenue while making NM more competitive.

10) Energy: *Bio-balance where peoples' lives matter!* Responsible laws that do not excessively limit any industry from producing valuable resources and jobs while assuring the protection of our land, water, and air are critical. We need effective land and resource management that allows the extractive and other industries to maximize production, job creation, and budget support for our state.

11) Economic incentives: *Invest in job creation that benefits New Mexico!* Incentives may help entice new companies to our state, but they should *never be used if they will harm or create unfair competition against existing New Mexico businesses.* Any incentives offered must include strengthened rules of use and detailed, strict and enforceable claw back parameters.

12) State Control: *Power to our people!* New Mexico should support a Convention of States to reduce and define the federal government's control. In addition, New Mexico's elected officials should take steps to protect our lands, business opportunities and cultural traditions from increasing federal regulation, laws and executive orders.