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RE: Oppose HB 13 Emergency Services for Non-Citizens

Madame Chair and Committee Members:

The New Mexico Business Coalition (NMBC) represents hundreds of businesses and thousands of New Mexicans. Our focus is to make New Mexico a better place to do business so that New Mexicans have jobs and can provide for their families.

NMBC opposes HB 13 Emergency Services for Non-Citizens. This bill is unnecessary and duplicative of a federal law that has been in effect for decades. The 1986 federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) forbids emergency departments from denying medical care to anyone regardless of ability to pay. This mandates treatment for anyone in an emergency department, regardless of immigration status.

We urge you to say 'NO' on HB 13 Emergency Services for Non-Citizens.

Thank you,

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

Carla J. Sonntag
President