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RE: Support HB 186 Reduce County Hospital Property Taxes

Mr./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 our people have jobs and can provide for their families.

NMBC strongly supports HB 186 Reduce County Hospital Property Taxes because it is unfair for only certain New Mexico Counties to support UNMH when the entire state has the benefit of its services. This bill would amend the Hospital Funding Act to reduce the hospital mill levy that may be imposed by a class A county from a maximum rate of 6.50 to 1.70 mills (dollars per \$1,000 of net taxable value.)

HB 186 is long overdue as the tax burden on property owners is reaching levels that are prohibitive to many people who would otherwise like to own a home.

We urge you to say 'YES' to Support HB 186 Reduce County Hospital Property Taxes Declarations.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carla J. Sonntag".

Carla J. Sonntag
President