RE: Oppose HB 50 Private Right of Action for Certain Statutes

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 New Mexicans have jobs and can provide for their families.

NMBC respectfully opposes this legislation. The provisions outlined in HB 50 put businesses and industries in a precarious situation that leaves them at significantly higher risk for lawsuits by allowing for unlimited private action opportunities.

This bill makes it easy for anyone – at any time – to sue without guidelines or limitations of cause or reason. Furthermore, with no statute of limitations, the legislation would create even greater uncertainty for businesses.

HB 50 would be a significant deterrent to business expansion and diversification at a time when we most need that to occur. We urge you to say ‘NO’ on HB 50 and vote against this legislation that would create uncertainty for our businesses and stifle growth here in New Mexico.

Thank you,

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President