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RE: Oppose HB 95 Water Administration Changes

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 is opposed to HB 95 Water Administration Changes because it is an impediment to business creating additional obstacles to operations in New Mexico. New Mexico has never been business friendly, but policies like this only make it more difficult for businesses to operate and is a deterrent to new business coming to our state.

HB 95 requires the specific findings to be published regardless of whether or not there was a protest on the issue or not. This is a very costly and unnecessary requirement that creates a greater burden and delay for all concerned. In addition, it requires the state engineer to analyze drought and climate change in the analysis even though those terms are not defined. The NM Supreme Court has ruled that terms, such as those noted, must be defined in statute so that we don't have various definitions for them.

We urge you to say 'NO' to HB 95 Water Administration Changes.

Thank you for your consideration,

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

Carla J. Sonntag
President