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RE: Support HJM 3 Waive Oil-Gas Permit Ban on Fed Lands

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 fully supports HJM 3 Waive Oil-Gas Permit Ban on Fed Lands. When President Biden issued an Executive Order banning Oil and Gas permits for 60 days on federal lands, it was a direct assault to New Mexico's economy and the well-being of our people. That industry provides about 35% of our state's revenue and is the primary funder of our schools. It is imperative that this industry be allowed to continue operating, providing high paying jobs and supporting the state's economy and schools.

The industry needs not only to continue drilling, but to be able to obtain permits for right of way for pipelines. Stopping this even temporarily will be detrimental to our state.

We urge you to vote 'YES' to HJM 3 Waive Oil-Gas Permit Ban on Fed Lands.

Thank you for your consideration,

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

Carla J. Sonntag  
President