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RE: Oppose SB 132 Photovoltaic Systems in New Homes

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 SB 132 Photovoltaic Systems in New Homes because it would cause electric rates to increase significantly and, in turn, cause harm to hardworking New Mexican families who are already struggling to pay electric bills and feed their families.

The cost of requiring a photovoltaic system adds over \$15,000 to a 1,600 square foot home plus there would be an added cost for at least one electrical receptacle for charging an electric vehicle (EV). When you consider the extremely challenged state of our economy, a mandate like this would make it that much more difficult for New Mexican's to buy a home.

At such an unprecedented time with our economy locked down for over 10 months with no relief in sight, I urge you not to make more mandates on New Mexicans that they cannot afford.

On behalf of hard working New Mexicans, we urge you to say 'NO' to SB 132.

Thank you,

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

Carla J. Sonntag
President