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RE: Support SB 293 Refund and Waiver of Certain Business Licenses

Dear Representative:

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 can have jobs and provide for their families.

NMBC supports SB 293 Refund and Waiver of Certain Business Licenses because it will provide some relief to business owners who hold various liquor licenses. This is one group of entrepreneurs hardest hit by the lockdown. While it won't make up for the significant losses they have endured over the past year, it is a nice gesture on the part of the New Mexico legislature to support them in this way.

NMBC urges support of SB 293 as well as many other business recovery tools - most especially the use of the newly committed \$2+ billion federal dollars to support the businesses in New Mexico. We would like to see SB 293 expanded to cover other business licenses to help those businesses in trades outside of liquor sales.

NMBC sees an urgent need for a minimum of \$750 million going to the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Fund. This will provide assurance that those individuals out of work can collect benefits and businesses will not be forced to reduce job opportunities because of punitive UI tax rates.

Thank you,

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

Carla J. Sonntag  
President