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RE: Support HB 33 Livestock Board Meat Inspections

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.

HB 33 Livestock Board Meat Inspections is good for New Mexico. It will amend Section 77-2-7 NMSA 1978 to allow the New Mexico Livestock Board's (NMLB) authority to promulgate rules for meat inspection conducted in the state. It will help ensure the safety and quality of meat for human consumption. It amends the definition of "animals or livestock" to include wild animals, poultry, and birds used for human consumption.

The bill also removes the limitation of employing only livestock and brand inspectors and creates the ability for the agency to employ inspectors of slaughter facilities and meat and poultry processing facilities. This will provide new job opportunities especially in the rural areas that need them.

On behalf of hard working New Mexicans, we encourage you to say 'Yes' to HB 33.

Thank you,

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

Carla J. Sonntag
President