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RE: Support SB 408 Right of Bodily Integrity

Mr. 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.

NMBC supports SB 408 Right of Bodily Integrity because it upholds the right of New Mexicans to make personal, informed medical choices. This is important to protect against discrimination in employment, public accommodations, for renters and in labor organizations.

This bill reinforces the “my body, my choice” principle, which is important to most in the New Mexico legislature as we’ve seen in the passage of SB 10 Repeal Abortion Ban and HB 47 Elizabeth Whitefield End-Of-Life Options Act. In keeping with medical and legal precedents, SB 408 respects and upholds New Mexicans’ right to choose what happens to their bodies including the medical procedures and interventions they receive.

Further, this bill requires a written informed consent for any medical interventions, including notice of the ingredients and foreign substances, actions of these substances and risks of the intervention. This should be a standard practice.

NMBC strongly supports HB 408 and we urge you to say ‘YES’ on this bill.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carla J. Sonntag".

Carla J. Sonntag
President