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RE: Oppose SB 8 Local Government Air Quality Regulations

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.

NMBC opposes Senate Bill 8 because it violates the good faith effort of many parties who came together to establish air quality rules to address over the past two years. Senate Bill 8 gives New Mexico Cities and Counties the ability to establish their own expanded air board and will include any pollutant and not just those related to air quality issues.

This bill is very detrimental to business as it will make businesses non-competitive within the US. It would incentivize businesses to leave the state due to the harsh and unrealistic form of regulation in New Mexico, if this bill were to become law. It expands regulations to anything considered to be a threat, regardless of documentation to verify that the element is a problem.

This bill would allow the Secretary to promulgate rules without the value of two years' worth of qualified input from stakeholders. We believe it is wrong to circumvent the efforts and work that have been in process for the last two years, and urge you to vote 'No' on Senate Bill 8.

Thank you,

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

Carla J. Sonntag
President