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RE: Support HB 110 Voter ID Requirements

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 live and work, where we have an abundance of good-paying jobs to provide for our families.

NMBC strongly supports HB 110 Voter ID Requirements because it will align New Mexico election procedures with best practice standards for insuring the right of every eligible voter to securely cast their vote is maintained. In addition, a Gallup poll conducted in October of 2022 found that 79% of people nationwide favor requiring all voters to provide photo identification at their voting place in order to vote.

It's important to note that HB 110 takes into account that some eligible New Mexico voters may not be able to afford paying for a state issued ID card. This legislation stipulates that an ID card for voting purposes be provided free of charge to any eligible New Mexican who is unable to pay even a minimal \$5 fee.

On behalf of New Mexicans who value our democracy, the precious right to vote and for the reasons stated, NMBC supports HB 110 Voter ID Requirements and urges you to say 'YES' to its passage.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments,

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

Carla J. Sonntag
CEO