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**RE: Oppose HB 185 Enviro Standards for Appliances and Fixtures**

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.

HB 185 provides authority for the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) to create standards for virtually all appliances used in homes, commercial kitchens, and many other applications. As the in-state affiliate for the National Association of Manufacturing (NAM), this creates a problem for both manufacturers and end users.

Although this legislation, like many other bills being considered in this legislative session, is modeled after policy considered or implemented in California, this is not a good idea. It will be very expensive for businesses and consumers while having a negligible impact on the environment.

Manufacturers are not likely to conform to state policy quickly if they conform at all. This creates a particular hardship for people who need these products for their homes or businesses.

This bill also gives the NM Attorney General prosecutorial jurisdiction and responsibilities. That is quite clearly not what we need the NMAG doing when the crime in our state is spiraling out of control. Seriously, we do not need someone prosecuted for having or selling the wrong type of portable electronic spa when far too many people are dying on our streets due to the high crime in our state

On behalf of hard-working New Mexicans and businesses, and for the reasons stated, NMBC opposes HB 185 Enviro Standards for Appliances and Fixtures and urges you to say 'NO' to its passage.

Thank you,

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

Carla J. Sonntag  
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