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RE: Support HJR 13 Fiscal Restraint Convention of States

Mr./Madame Chair and Committee Members:

The New Mexico Business Coalition (NMBC) is an organization of hundreds of businesses and thousands of New Mexicans. Its focus is to make New Mexico a better place to live, work, and run a business so that New Mexicans have jobs and can provide for their families.

NMBC supports HJR 13 Fiscal Restraint Convention of States. Many New Mexicans are frustrated with what's going on in Washington, D.C.

This is a problem that has existed for years, but in recent years it has gotten so much worse. Most are concerned about the future of this country and especially about the problems their children and grandchildren will inherit.

But we have a way of addressing it. We have an opportunity to join other states across the U.S., to call for a convention of states to propose constitutional amendments that can provide a solution.

It our final "check" on D.C., exercised through our state legislators.

While there is nothing "wrong" with the U.S. Constitution, the problems we face are the result of constitutional interpretations that capitalize on ambiguities.

We can restore the federal government to its proper, limited place through constitutional amendments.

The [Convention of States Project's resolution](#) seeks to do this by using the tool given to the states in Article V. It calls for an Article V convention to propose amendments that:

- 1) Impose fiscal restraints on the federal government;
- 2) Limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government; and
- 3) Limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

New Mexico cannot afford additional business mandates and we urge you to say 'YES' on HJR 13 Fiscal Restraint Convention of States.

Thank you,

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

Carla J. Sonntag
President/CEO