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RE: Support HJR 9 Denial of Bail, CA

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.

We support HJR 9 Denial of Bail, CA. The costs for repeat offenders have been high to New Mexicans and our communities. Reports may indicate only one percent reoffending in violent circumstances, but that is one percent too high. If one additional death or assault can be prevented, it would be worth it. What if it were your loved one who was killed or sexually assaulted. When one New Mexican is hurt, it hurts all of us and especially when it could be prevented.

From a business perspective, New Mexico's crime rate has become nationally notable and an embarrassment to our state. As a result, businesses are choosing to open businesses where they are not at risk for armed robbery, theft, and endangering their employees. While this bill is aimed at the worst offenders, it should have a positive impact on all crime.

Please consider the safety and wellbeing of all New Mexicans and support this bill. We urge you to say 'YES' to HJR 9 Denial of Bail, CA.

Thank you,

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

Carla J. Sonntag
President/CEO