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**RE: HB 133 Oil and Gas Act Changes**

Mister/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 respectfully oppose HB 133 Oil and Gas Act Changes. Our overriding concern is that there continue to be burdensome regulations, fees, and rules imposed on the industry that is currently providing about 45-50 percent of the state's budget. It would be prudent for our state to stand in strong support of this industry while simultaneously ensuring that the industry operates in a clean and regulated manner, which it is.

Instead, we see continued attacks on the industry. We are seeing that while the state is happy to take the money from this industry's taxes, it is frequently raising barriers and constraints that cause more harm to operators.

Our oil and gas industry is producing good-paying direct and indirect jobs, funding our educational systems while safeguarding the environment. The actions of bad actors or inadvertent accidents have been adequately addressed in previous legislation and we do not see the need for this bill.

We urge you to say 'NO' to HB 133 Oil and Gas Act Changes and not add additional burdens on the industry that produces so much for our state.

Thank you,

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President/CEO