



**NEW MEXICO
BUSINESS COALITION**

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RE: Oppose **HB 212 Per- & Poly-Fluoroalkyl Protection Act**

Mr./Madame Chair and Committee Members:

The New Mexico Business Coalition (NMBC) represents hundreds of businesses and thousands of New Mexicans. We focus on making New Mexico a better place to live and work, with abundant good-paying jobs to provide for our families.

We understand the potential concern with per—and poly-fluoroalkyl chemicals but respectfully oppose HB 212. This bill proposes regulating many commercial and consumer products. It is not clear how the state of New Mexico would have jurisdiction to accomplish that extensive regulation.

We must consider this path carefully. Proceeding would likely impact our military bases and the farming and ranching industries, especially in such a tight time frame. These are federal facilities yet critical to our state. We are reliant on these industries as contributors to our economy. In addition, spouses of our active-duty military are a necessary part of our workforce.

If we pass legislation prompting these bases, industries, and businesses to close, it will be detrimental to the state. We discuss economic diversification, and New Mexico's military facilities and companies are essential.

On behalf of hard-working New Mexicans and businesses, and for the reasons stated, NMBC opposes HB 212 Per- & Poly-Fluoroalkyl Protection Act and urges you to say 'NO' to its passage.

Thank you for considering my comments,

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

Carla J. Sonntag
President and CEO