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RE: Support **HB 280 Additional Violent Felonies**

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.

NMBC fully supports HB 280, Additional Violent Felonies, as a crucial measure to strengthen New Mexico's criminal laws. This bill expands the list of violent felonies and enforces tougher penalties on repeat offenders, ensuring that those convicted of three separate violent felonies receive mandatory life imprisonment with no possibility of parole, except for geriatric or medical reasons.

By reinforcing sentencing laws, HB 280 prioritizes public safety, keeping habitual violent criminals off our streets and protecting communities across the state. This legislation sends a clear message that repeat violent offenders will face serious consequences.

For these reasons and others articulated by the bill sponsor, we strongly urge you to vote YES on HB 280 to support the safety and well-being of all New Mexicans.

Thank you for considering my comments,

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

Carla J. Sonntag
President and CEO