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### **ABQ Crime Crisis Lawsuit**

You know that Albuquerque is experiencing a crisis with transients and vagrants. The crimes associated with them, like open drug use, theft, vandalism, and violent crimes are all on the rise. [Mayor Keller is openly defiant](#) in telling the public that police will not respond to certain illegal activities.

[In a recent CNN interview](#), the governor said, **“In Albuquerque, you are not safe going to work, getting your prescription drugs, or going to a public park.”**

The crime rate in Albuquerque is [170.9% higher than the national average](#). Most businesses and many individuals have been directly impacted by this crime wave. Businesses are forced to pay for their own security because police response is poor or lacking. Repair costs for vandalism and replacement costs for theft are skyrocketing. Insurance costs for everyone are rising significantly to cover the risks.

[New Mexico Business Coalition is taking bold action and needs your help!](#) We have secured a legal team with proven success on this very issue. They won a landmark decision in Phoenix, AZ. After the city lost the lawsuit, because the City of Phoenix was slow to act on requirements, the judge demanded that the city remove tents and other structures by November 2023.

**We do not believe that the safety of our people and property will improve unless decisive action is taken.** The AZ law firm is working to file a similar case in Salt Lake City, UT, and other jurisdictions. They are willing to take our case against the City of Albuquerque if the community is willing to back it. To do so, we must raise \$50,000 for a retainer and a total of about \$250,000 to take the case to completion. To date, we have raised \$27,000 and have commitments for \$6,000 more.

This lawsuit is not about solving homelessness. **It is about solving the humanitarian crisis** created by bad government decisions dealing with the vagrants and transients in our city. **It is about enforcing existing laws** to keep us and our properties safe.

**Crime is expensive and all the talk about the issues is not changing it!** If we don't take action, it will only get worse.

**NMBC will be the party filing the case and we will not disclose our donors.** [Can you give \\$5,000, \\$2,500, or even \\$1,000 today?](#) Any amount would be appreciated! Please mail your check to **NMBC Legal Fund, PO Box 95735, Albuquerque, NM 87199.**

If you would like more information, please contact me at [Carla@nmbizcoalition.org](mailto:Carla@nmbizcoalition.org) or call my office at (505) 836-4223.

Thank you for fighting with us!

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