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RE: Oppose **HB 12 Extreme Risk Firearm Protection Order Changes**

Mr./Madame Chair and Committee Members:

Better Together New Mexico (BTNM) brings together hundreds of advocacy groups and thousands of New Mexicans statewide. Our mission is to unite New Mexicans through grassroots initiatives and work to positively shape the decisions that affect our lives, families, and communities.

BTNM respectfully opposes HB 12 Extreme Risk Firearm Protection Order Changes. This bill enables individuals to be deprived of their rights and personal property and to be subjected to invasive searches based solely on one party's assessment that they might commit a crime in the future. This is a deeply troubling concept, as we cannot justify imprisoning or punishing someone based on speculation about what they might do.

As outlined in this bill's search warrant provisions, a single round of ammunition could be concealed anywhere within a home. Allowing invasive search warrants based solely on the judgment of an uninvolved third party fundamentally undermines Fourth Amendment rights, which protect against unreasonable government searches and seizures. These provisions violate multiple constitutional protections and establish a dangerous and concerning precedent.

Additionally, New Mexico's "Extreme Risk Protection Order" has been a failed concept since its inception. It does not meaningfully help individuals in crisis who need support and resources. Instead, it escalates already volatile situations and strips individuals of their rights under both the Federal and State Constitutions.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask you to vote 'NO' on HB 12 Extreme Risk Firearm Protection Order Changes.

Thank you for considering my comments,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carla J. Sonntag".

**Carla J. Sonntag**  
President & CEO