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RE: Support **HB 101 Firearm at Polling Place for Law Enforcement**

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 supports HB 101 Firearm at Polling Place for Law Enforcement. This proposed change the necessity of maintaining public safety and the integrity of the electoral process. By updating the law, this amendment will help ensure that polling places remain secure and free from disruptions.

Polling places are critical venues during elections, where citizens unite to exercise their democratic rights. These locations must remain safe and secure. This amendment creates exceptions for certified law enforcement officers who lawfully carry firearms. The amendment removes any ambiguity regarding lawful firearm possession by explicitly outlining exceptions for certified law enforcement officers.

The amendment to Section 1-20-24 NMSA 1978 is a necessary and sensible step to protect public safety, uphold the integrity of the election process, and provide for the protection of our citizens.

For the reasons stated, we urge you to vote 'YES' on HB 101 Firearm at Polling Place for Law Enforcement.

Thank you for considering my comments,

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

Carla J. Sonntag
President and CEO