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

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.

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, BTNM 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 that reads 'Carla J. Sonntag'.

Carla J. Sonntag
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