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RE: Support **HB 83 Permitless Carry of Firearms**

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 83, Permitless Carry of Firearms, which would remove permit requirements for 18-year-olds and over to carry a concealed weapon yet retain existing prohibitions on carrying firearms in certain locations. Reducing bureaucratic hurdles and affirming the right to self-defense is a much-needed validation of Second Amendment rights.

Most criminals avoid those who could counter their attack, so this law could potentially deter crime by allowing more citizens to arm themselves for protection. This is especially needed in high-crime areas like Albuquerque. On the enforcement side of the equation, HB 83 would help simplify law enforcement interactions with law-abiding citizens by eliminating the need to check for concealed carry permits

For these reasons, we respectfully ask you to vote 'YES' on HB 83 Permitless Carry of Firearms.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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

**Carla J. Sonntag**  
President & CEO