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REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TO DRAFT AND
DISTRIBUTE A MODEL ORDINANCE FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO ADDRESS
CAPPING ABANDONED WATER WELLS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, many uncapped, abandoned water wells are located
throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, abandoned water wells create a potential safety
risk; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are no laws that require a
landowner to cap an abandoned water well on private property;
and

WHEREAS, many abandoned water wells were constructed
before water basins were declared and regulations were
implemented to require registration of wells with the state;
and

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