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A MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL "GREEN NEW
DEAL" TO CREATE DIVERSIFICATION AWAY FROM FOSSIL FUELS AND TO
BROADEN NEW MEXICO'S ENERGY HORIZONS.

WHEREAS, fossil fuels are responsible for a significant
part of New Mexico's economy; and

WHEREAS, revenue from the fossil fuel industry provides
many benefits to New Mexico, including education funding; and

WHEREAS, the world and the United States are moving away
from fossil fuel consumption; and

WHEREAS, fossil fuels will become more difficult and
expensive to access or will disappear entirely; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transition the state's economy
away from fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, such a transition must be just, fair, equitable

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1 and ensure support to current workers in the fossil fuel
2 industries; and

3 WHEREAS, such a transition is an opportunity to create
4 substantial jobs in communities traditionally marginalized or
5 bypassed by economic growth and development; and

6 WHEREAS, the New Mexico economy would be strengthened by
7 the diversification away from fossil fuels and toward
8 broadening of energy exports; and

9 WHEREAS, the United States' national security would be
10 enhanced by greater energy independence from foreign producers;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, New Mexico is positioned to become a leader in
13 solar and wind energy generation; and

14 WHEREAS, New Mexico could become a net green energy
15 exporter; and

16 WHEREAS, New Mexico's energy infrastructure would benefit
17 greatly from upgrades to enhance its efficiency and security;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, New Mexicans could be employed in the new energy
20 economy, as well as in the infrastructure and construction
21 generated by a transition to a greener economy; and

22 WHEREAS, a "green new deal" has broad bipartisan support
23 among United States voters; and

24 WHEREAS, a "green new deal" would provide federal funding
25 and support to assist New Mexico in achieving these diverse

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goals; and

WHEREAS, the people of New Mexico, the United States and the world are under threat from increasingly extreme weather events; and

WHEREAS, a transition to more sustainable, non-fossil-fuel-based energy production is necessary to stave off this threat;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that support be expressed for the creation of a national "green new deal" to create diversification away from fossil fuels and to broaden New Mexico's energy horizons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor and New Mexico's congressional delegation.