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SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 1515 IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, WHICH SEEKS TO REFORM THE RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT IN ORDER TO ENSURE FAIR AND JUST COMPENSATION TO ALL URANIUM WORKERS HARMED FROM WORK FOR THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, uranium mining and milling activities undertaken from the 1940s through the early 1980s for the benefit of the United States government exposed both underground and above-ground uranium miners and uranium millers to large doses of radiation and other hazards that have resulted in an unusually high incidence of lung cancer and other health problems among these uranium workers; and

WHEREAS, during this four-decade period, Grants, New Mexico, was considered the uranium capital of the world, which means that New Mexico has a larger than normal concentration of exposed uranium workers; and

