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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AMEND THE FEDERAL
RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT OF 2000.

WHEREAS, the United States congress originally passed the
federal Radiation Exposure Compensation Act in 1990 and later
amended the act in 2000; and

WHEREAS, congress intended that the Radiation Exposure
Compensation Act compensate and apologize to people who worked
in the uranium industry from 1942 to 1972 because they worked
in uranium production without being educated about the
potential dangers to their health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, many uranium industry workers developed terminal
diseases and many others are weak and incapable of working; and

WHEREAS, families of uranium industry workers are also
experiencing health problems, including children who are

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1 suffering from respiratory problems, cancer and genetic
2 diseases;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States congress be
5 requested to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to
6 include enhanced compensable disease coverage and to reduce the
7 stringent medical exam requirement to qualify for compensable
8 disease coverage; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation.

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