

1 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 51

2 42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TAKE THE  
12 NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF CENSUS  
13 WILL NOT IMPLEMENT POLICIES THAT CAN HURT AGRICULTURE, NATURAL  
14 RESOURCES, CHILDREN OR FAMILIES IN NEW MEXICO.

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16 WHEREAS, the United States bureau of census of the  
17 department of commerce is considering a change in the criteria  
18 used to count farms, and this change will significantly reduce  
19 the number of establishments defined as farms; and

20 WHEREAS, under the new criteria, the number of farms in New  
21 Mexico might be reduced by as much as seventy-two percent, and  
22 nearly eighty percent of minority-owned farms would be excluded;  
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24 WHEREAS, this amounts to official discrimination against  
25 small, family-owned and minority-owned farms; and

1           WHEREAS, the number of farms in New Mexico determines, in  
2 part, the amount of money received by New Mexico state  
3 university and the United States department of agriculture  
4 programs in the state and could cost the state millions of  
5 dollars and eliminate technical assistance and financial support  
6 for small farms, those that need this support the most;

7           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico congressional delegation  
9 be requested to take all necessary steps to ensure that the  
10 United States bureau of census does not implement any policies  
11 that will negatively affect agriculture, natural resources,  
12 children or families in the state of New Mexico; and

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

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# **State of New Mexico House of Representatives**

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 8, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and finds same to be  
GERMANE in accordance with constitutional provisions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Barbara A. Perea Casey,

Chairperson

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Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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4 The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

5 Yes: 9

6 Excused: Knowles, Lujan, Nicely, Ryan, J. G. Taylor, Wallach

7 Absent: None

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# **State of New Mexico House of Representatives**

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 12, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your VOTERS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, to whom has  
been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Edward C. Sandoval, Chairman

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Buffett, Lujan, Nicely, Sanchez, Silva

Absent: None

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