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Commissioner Espinoza,

Our organization, Northern New Mexicans Protecting Land, Water, and Rights Inc. (NNMProtects), is extremely disappointed you failed to support your constituents by voting against the current version of HB 330 during the recent NM Public Regulation Commission (NM-PRC) meeting. We understand one of the principal underlying reasons for this House Bill was to provide the NM-PRC with the authority to avoid having to approve future rate riders that are similar to Rate Rider 19. Rate Rider 19 has created a mechanism whereby a governmental entity is given the authority to levy unreasonable costs against northern New Mexicans who have no representation within the government levying the cost or tax. This is akin to "taxation without representation" which as you know, was the "battle cry" for the America revolution. Any representation available to the people regarding Rate Rider 19 is the NM-PRC and ultimately yourself. You may recall during the NM Legislative Science, Technology, and Telecommunications Committee (STTC) meeting in Albuquerque on October 27, 2014, several of the PRC Commissioners including yourself were in attendance and agreed it would be a good idea to "revisit" the cost recovery methodology of Rate Rider 19. After recusing yourself from the Rate Rider 4 deliberations in 2014 and now, not supporting a house bill that only attempts to bring fairness to so many in your district, we believe you have failed to properly represent many of your constituents who voted you into office.

A goal of our organization is to lessen community tensions by providing northern New Mexicans with information regarding ongoing legislative actions so to promote fair and equal representation. In view of this, we would like to work with your staff to schedule a town hall meeting with our +400 members so you may have the opportunity to share your reasons for not supporting HB 330. We would like to emphasize the importance of taking the time to meet with some of your constituents regarding this very divisive issue.

To avoid any concerns regarding "ex-parte" communication, we have copied the other PRC Commissioners and the staff with this message so they may also be aware of our concerns and request.

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