

Representative:

My name is Frank Pagurko, and I write to you on behalf of the Rio Grande Foundation, an economic policy think tank based in Albuquerque. We work to promote the interests of the people of New Mexico through free market policy.

In the interest of New Mexico citizens, I strongly urge you to **vote NO** on HB 9, the “Climate Solutions Act.” The creation of new state bureaucracy to direct the economy is the last thing New Mexico needs, especially considering the economic devastation of the ongoing pandemic. This bill ignores the incredible environmental improvements that have already been due to technological advancement and existing legislation. Our environment is significantly cleaner and healthier now than it was decades ago. HB 9 ignores that progress. The Climate Solutions Act would only further hamper New Mexico’s economic recovery and increase government spending. State and local spending already make up a larger proportion of our state’s economy than any neighboring state. Further increasing that proportion would not promote economic flourishing or social well-being.

History shows that technological advancement through the free market is the most powerful force for advancing a better, cleaner environment. Please do not further hinder New Mexico’s ability to advance economically and vote no on HB 9. Thank you.



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