

Senator:

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 students, I strongly urge you to **vote NO** on SB 148, the “Diversity Commission” bill. With New Mexico students already suffering some of the worst educational outcomes in the nation, now is not the time to place greater demands and strain on the public school system. Better educational results can be achieved through empowering parents and allowing them to make decisions regarding what is best for their own children. SB 148 does the opposite of that by centralizing power in the hands of a new government commission. A few appointed officials cannot determine what is best for individual students better than parents. No matter how well-intentioned, new requirements on teachers and schools will not transform New Mexico education into the dynamic system it needs to be.

School excellence does not come through more bureaucracy. For better education for New Mexico students, please vote no on SB 148.



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