



State of New Mexico  
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Mr. Timothy L. Parker, M.S., P.E.  
District Two Engineer  
New Mexico Department of Transportation  
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Roswell, New Mexico 88202

Dear Mr. Parker:

We are writing to request the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) designate NM Route 128 from Jal to Loving as a Safety Corridor. It is well-documented how the ongoing boom in oil and natural gas production in southeastern New Mexico has resulted in a major increase in the number of large trucks and other commercial vehicles using the area's roads and highways. In turn, this additional traffic has caused extensive damage to the region's roads and highways and contributed to a growing number of traffic fatalities and serious injuries. Unfortunately, the local roads and highways in this region of the state are becoming more dangerous in terms of both heavy traffic volume and road hazards.

Therefore, we believe designating NM Route 128 from Jal to Loving as a Safety Corridor would be an important step towards enhancing highway safety in southeastern New Mexico. By focusing additional law enforcement resources to this specific segment of highway, as well as the extra fines which can be levied for traffic violations, the Safety Corridor designation will encourage drivers to slow down and obey all traffic laws.

We strongly encourage NMDOT District 2 leadership to seriously consider this Safety Corridor request and take all necessary action to ensure such a designation is made. For safety sake, southeastern New Mexico's motorists deserve this additional level of law enforcement and oversight.

We would be pleased to provide any additional information your office may require. Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of David Gallegos.

David Gallegos  
State Representative (R- Eunice)

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State Representative (R-Carlsbad)

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State Representative (R- Roswell)