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A MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION OF THE STATE OF
NEW MEXICO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT' S CALL FOR LEGAL REFORM**

**WHEREAS, a fair and efficient legal system free from
frivolous and abusive litigation is necessary for a vibrant
economy and access to affordable health care; and**

**WHEREAS, reasonable caps on damages protect consumers from
the rising costs of, and diminishing access to, products and
services that result from lawsuit abuse; and**

**WHEREAS, victims who suffer losses, not their attorneys,
should receive the majority of damage awards; and**

**WHEREAS, lawsuits filed in a timely fashion promote
fairness for all parties; and**

**WHEREAS, in accordance with the intent of the framers of
the United States constitution, cases involving residents of**

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1 different states should be tried in federal court; and

2 WHEREAS, individuals suffer the most damaging effects of
3 frivolous lawsuits as the cost of products and services rises
4 due to exorbitant increases in insurance costs;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
6 OF NEW MEXICO that the state's congressional delegation be
7 requested to support the president's call for meaningful class
8 action reform and medical malpractice liability reform; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to each member of the New Mexico congressional
11 delegation.