

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF LAW AND
3 ANDERSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF
4 INCREASING THEIR RESPECTIVE OIL AND GAS COURSE OFFERINGS IN
5 EFFORTS TO BECOME IMPORTANT SOURCES FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE
6 SUBJECT AREAS RELATED TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY.

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8 WHEREAS, royalties and taxes from the oil and gas
9 industry represent significant revenues directly and through
10 New Mexico's severance tax permanent fund, benefiting the
11 public education system and providing for other important
12 public services in the state; and

13 WHEREAS, the oil and gas industry is and must remain an
14 important part of New Mexico's economic backbone for creating
15 jobs and generating revenues in communities; and

16 WHEREAS, the work of this vital industry will continue
17 to raise important public policy questions regarding
18 environmental protection, natural resources development,
19 sustainability and other related issues; and

20 WHEREAS, the significance of many of the issues
21 associated with the oil and gas industry requires that those
22 issues be debated among legislators, agency officials,
23 experts in the field and others who are educated regarding
24 the relevant facts and complexities inherent in the oil and
25 gas industry; and

1 WHEREAS, during the past two years, the university of
2 New Mexico school of law has been involved in producing
3 important research on oil and gas-related issues, including a
4 study of pore space ownership and another study on natural
5 gas as a transportation fuel; and

6 WHEREAS, many of the state's leading oil and gas
7 industry lawyers were educated at the university of New
8 Mexico school of law, and others have been closely involved
9 in law school activities; and

10 WHEREAS, the school of law recently hosted an
11 informative and helpful legal briefing for legislators in
12 which oil and gas issues were addressed; and

13 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico school of law has
14 produced many of the state's leaders, including:

- 15 A. more than a dozen state legislators;
- 16 B. numerous state court judges;
- 17 C. nine of the fifteen appellate court judges;
- 18 D. the presiding and prior chief justices for the
19 New Mexico supreme court;
- 20 E. the chief judge of the New Mexico court of
21 appeals;
- 22 F. other public servants, such as a United States
23 senator;
- 24 G. current and past United States attorneys for
25 the district of New Mexico;

- 1 H. the current state attorney general;
- 2 I. the state auditor and his general counsel; and
- 3 J. the deputy general counsel to the governor; and

4 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico Anderson school of
5 management also continues to produce leaders and public
6 servants for New Mexico, including Albuquerque's mayor, the
7 state engineer and leaders in the private sector; and

8 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico Anderson school of
9 management is well-positioned as a focal point for producing
10 leaders in the private sector who will be experts in the
11 complex issues involved in the oil and gas industry; and

12 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico school of law
13 regularly offers a basic oil and gas course and is currently
14 collaborating with the Anderson school of management to offer
15 a co-listed advanced course in oil and gas law for business
16 students; and

17 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is located in the
18 state's largest population center of Albuquerque, ideally
19 situated to educate New Mexico's students and to provide an
20 environment for objective and dispassionate consideration and
21 research of the many oil and gas industry-related issues; and

22 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico will continue to
23 produce leaders in the field, and, in order to make wise
24 decisions for the future of New Mexico, those leaders must be
25 highly educated in the issues surrounding the oil and gas

1 industry; and

2 WHEREAS, it is crucial that students in New Mexico not
3 be faced with leaving the state in their efforts to acquire
4 education and expertise in the oil and gas subject matters
5 that are so important to New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico can provide the
7 critical elements of high-quality study and collaboration
8 with other institutions and can be a key educational force in
9 the growing and vital subject areas pertaining to the oil and
10 gas industry;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the university of New Mexico school
13 of law and Anderson school of management be requested to
14 study the feasibility of increasing their respective oil and
15 gas course offerings and programs, along with other course
16 units, in efforts to become even more important sources for
17 leadership in the subject areas related to the oil and gas
18 industry, both now and in the future; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the university of New Mexico
20 school of law and the Anderson school of management also be
21 requested to create a plan for offering greater oil and gas
22 industry education and related services; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the dean of the university of New Mexico school
25 of law and the dean of the Anderson school of management. _____