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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 17

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

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FOR THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALLOW LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT, RANCHING, AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATION IN BORDER ISSUES SUCH AS THOSE PROPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER 21 PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, in 1983, the United States-Mexico La Paz
Agreement established work groups to address environmental
issues in the border area, including water, air, hazardous
waste, emergency response, enforcement and pollution
prevention; and

WHEREAS, the United States-Mexico Border 21 program is the next phase of binational planning in the border area, and the program's goal is to work cooperatively in the border region for the protection of human health and the environment; and

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WHEREAS, the work groups that were formed under the Border 21 program are to implement the program and "ensure effective coordination of bilateral efforts by bringing together federal agencies from both countries with a wide array of environmental interests and perspectives"; and

WHEREAS, according to the executive summary of the Border 21 program, all of the work groups are committed to actively encouraging state and local participation in their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the work groups are supposed to be in the process of exploring the development of subgroups and other mechanisms to ensure the participation of border communities in the implementation of the program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the federal government be asked to allow local and state government, ranching, agricultural, industrial and community representatives to participate in the work groups that have been formed under the proposed Border 21 program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government be asked to require that work group meetings be held within the affected border area and provide adequate notice to local communities of the meetings and work product of the work groups formed under the proposed Border 21 program, and that the federal government take the lead in providing timely,

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accurate and complete information to local communities; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
sent to the members of the New Mexico congressional
delegation.

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