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A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT
THE PASSAGE OF THE DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL PRIOR TO ANY
OTHER SPENDING BILLS.**

**WHEREAS, the security of the United States of America and
its people is the first and foremost obligation of the national
government; and**

**WHEREAS, the men and women of the armed forces of the
United States have shown great courage and self-sacrifice and
deserve to be equipped with the best weapons and resources to
protect our nation; and**

**WHEREAS, in past years, politicians have delayed passage
of the defense appropriations bill so that it could be misused
as a dumping ground for pork-barrel spending and as a political
hostage for pork-barrel spending in other appropriations bills;**

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, in the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist
3 attacks on America, President Bush asked congress to pass the
4 defense appropriations bill before other spending bills and
5 congress acted responsibly by doing so, so that our men and
6 women under arms would not become political pawns for
7 politicians' spending games;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that congress be commended for its decision
10 to make our nation's defense its first priority; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the New Mexico
12 congressional delegation be requested to continue to support
13 the passage of subsequent defense appropriations bills before
14 other spending measures; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico congressional
17 delegation.

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