

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE MOTOR TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM BY WHICH
4 MOTORISTS CAN REPORT WINDSHIELD DAMAGE FROM TRUCKS CARRYING
5 GRAVEL OR SIMILAR MATERIAL.

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7 WHEREAS, state law prohibits the operation of a motor
8 vehicle in such a manner that a load in the vehicle, such as
9 gravel, escapes from the vehicle; and

10 WHEREAS, despite this prohibition, most New Mexico
11 drivers can relate incidents of suffering windshield damage
12 to their vehicles from gravel or similar material that falls
13 from trucks; and

14 WHEREAS, drivers on New Mexico's highways, including
15 residents traveling to and from work and tourists traveling
16 to and from tourist destinations, have every right to expect
17 to be able to drive on the roads of the state without fear of
18 incurring damage to their windshields; and

19 WHEREAS, the legislature seeks to be better informed
20 about the extent of the problem of vehicle windshield damage
21 caused by material falling from trucks;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the motor transportation division of
24 the department of public safety be requested to implement a
25 program by which motorists who suffer windshield damage can

1 report that damage to the division through a well-publicized,
2 toll-free telephone number or other convenient means; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico trucking
4 association be requested to ask its members, in a
5 demonstration of a good faith effort to reduce the incidence
6 of windshield damage, to assist in publicizing the means by
7 which motorists can report windshield damage by posting signs
8 to that effect that can be read from a distance of one
9 hundred feet on the rear of vehicles that carry gravel and
10 similar material; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the division be requested to
12 report annually to the legislature the number of incidents of
13 windshield damage reported, the carriers to which the damage
14 is attributed and recommendations, if any, to reduce the
15 number of incidents of windshield damage; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the director of the motor transportation
18 division. _____

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