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FOR THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDE GREATER FUNDING
AND ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO OFFSET THE
DISPROPORTIONATE FINANCIAL COST OF BEING A BORDER STATE.**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico is one of only four states that share
a common border with Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, federal laws mandate that each state provide
certain services, such as emergency health care and education,
to all persons living in the state, whether they are United
States citizens or not; and**

**WHEREAS, the cost of these federal mandates is borne in
disproportionate amounts by border states; and**

**WHEREAS, the cost of providing law enforcement services
in the border regions of New Mexico is increasing due to
immigration issues; and**

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WHEREAS, immigration control and border security are federal issues, the cost of which should be borne by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico bears a disproportionate financial burden because of its location as a border state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States congress be urged to provide greater funding to New Mexico to offset the additional demands placed on this state by virtue of its status as a border state; and

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