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East Mountain Businesses Oppose Sick Leave Mandate 49 East Mountain Businesses Sign Petition Against Proposed Mandate

(Tijeras, NM) – The Bernalillo County Commission may vote on a proposed paid sick leave mandate as soon as Tuesday, June 25, but a recently formed coalition “East Mountain Conservative Outreach” led by Bob Gore has collected 50 signatures from businesses throughout the East Mountains in opposition to the mandate.

If adopted, the mandate would disproportionately impact businesses in the East Mountains as the mandate will only apply to “unincorporated” areas of the County. These areas are disproportionately represented by Commissioners Pyskoty (East Mountains) and Quezada (South Valley), yet ALL Bernalillo County Commissioners will be voting on the proposed measure.

The businesses were asked to sign the following statement, “We hereby request your no vote to the proposed mandatory sick leave ordinance due to the fact that the continued addition of government mandates and enforced costs being dealt to the businesses is detrimental to the East Mountain economy.”

As Mr. Gore said, “Albuquerque voters rightly turned down a similar mandate in 2017. I find it hard to believe that small businesses in rural East Mountain communities should be forced to bear the costs of mandatory sick leave that their competition in incorporated areas like the Village of Tijeras and City of Albuquerque will not bear.”