

Dear Governor Martinez:

There are over 27 million slaves in the world today and 900,000 are trafficked every year. Two children are sold every minute. According to the FBI, there are over 100,000 slaves in the United States. Local police and the FBI have arrested five human traffickers in New Mexico and there are still more victims to be freed.

We need a statewide action plan that will include all governing bodies to close the avenues of human trafficking. This will entail but not limited to the following:

1. All cities should have a *Sexual Oriented Business* ordinance similar to Dallas. Currently, Albuquerque only lists zoning regulations that consists of three sentences as opposed to Dallas's 31page exhaustive ordinance. Ironically, Albuquerque heavily regulates its pawnshops but not its strip clubs.
2. All cities should have access to a divergence program "john school" that will discourage the patronage of prostitutes. New Mexico is the only state in the southwest (TX, CO, UT, AZ, and NV) that does not have a divergence program.
3. The NM statute for patronizing a prostitute stands a petty misdemeanor and the punishment remains the same regardless of the amount of offenses. NM needs to focus on the "demand" of prostitution and raise the punishment for soliciting a prostitute to a misdemeanor that will graduate to felony at the fourth offense, similar to Arizona.
4. We also need a *licensed attorney* to prosecute the patrons of prostitution. Currently, the police in Albuquerque enforce and prosecute the solicitors of prostitution. A District Attorney should prosecute those individuals who purchase human beings.

The New Mexico State Attorney's office cannot fulfill this mission alone. We greatly need *you* to take an active role in leading New Mexico to a slave free state!

Thank you,

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*Printed Name*