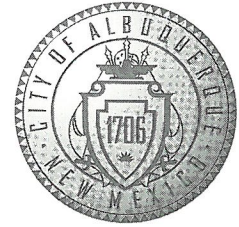


CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE



June 28, 2011

Dear Legislator,

As the Mayor of Albuquerque I am writing because I need your help with the issue of banning the sale and use of fireworks.

As you are aware Statute 60-2C-8.1 prohibits state and local governments from issuing a total ban on the sale and use of fireworks. In Albuquerque we have done all we can do to restrict the sale and use of fireworks but I would like to do more based on the current extreme weather conditions. Unfortunately, I have been advised that I cannot implement further restrictions due to current New Mexico law. I cannot speak for other mayors around the State but I would hope we could all agree that municipalities should be allowed more discretion to make decisions regarding this issue in our individual jurisdictions.

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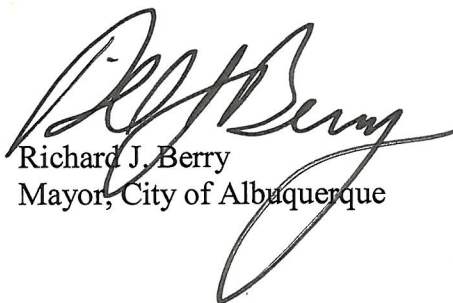
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I request your serious consideration to change New Mexico law to allow municipalities to further restrict or prohibit the sale or use of fireworks on a case by case basis when necessary due to extreme fire conditions.

I look forward to working with you on this important issue for public safety and the protection of life, property and natural resources. Thank you for your consideration.

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Best Regards,



Richard J. Berry
Mayor, City of Albuquerque