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Arnulfo Castañeda
Mayor

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Richard J. Berry, Mayor
City of Albuquerque
P.O. Box 1293
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Dear Mayor Berry,

As Mayor of Anthony, NM, I am writing in support of an exemption for law enforcement retirees from the Return to Work Law. Making the changes necessary that would allow retired police officers to not have to suspend the pension they have earned in order to continue serving the public is of critical importance to our municipality. This legislation is critical because it would assist with filling funded vacant positions, recruitment and retaining valuable experience and institutional knowledge in the development of this highly skilled work force.

Our city is just five years old and in these five years we have found it extremely difficult to hire willing certified experienced law enforcement officers for our Chief position, but have received lots of interest from retired officers with experience willing to work in a small community.

A reasonable and limited return to work provision would alleviate these shortages that our local governments are experiencing in law enforcement.

Respectfully,

Arnulfo Castañeda, Mayor
City of Anthony, NM

Betty Gonzalez, Mayor Pro-Tem
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