

## City of Eunice



New Mexico

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Dear Mayor Berry,

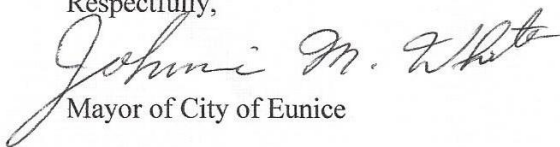
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As Mayor of City of Eunice, I am writing in support of an exemption for law enforcement retirees from the Return to Work Law. Making the changes necessary that would allow retired police officers to not have to suspend the pension they have earned 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.

Due to the economic down turn in the oilfield, we have seen a large increase in theft and other drug related issues. It is critical as a city that we maintain our police force and police supervision.

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

Respectfully,

  
Mayor of City of Eunice