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Richard J. Berry, Mayor City of Albuquerque P.O. Box 1293 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

Dear Mayor Berry,

As Mayor of Town of Tatum, 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 municipalities. 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.

We have a hard time getting Police Officer and we have to look for retired Police Officers. We are not a member of Pera so we can higher Police Officers but listening to other towns I understand the problem and support legislation.

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

Respectfully,

Marilyn J. Burns

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