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### **GOVERNOR BILL RICHARDSON MEETS WITH LEADERS OF TAX REFORM COMMISSION**

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson met today with the Blue Ribbon Tax Reform Commission's Steering Committee.

Governor Richardson issued the following statement after the meeting in the Governor's Office:

I met this morning with members of the Tax Reform Commission's Steering Committee to deliver some specific suggestions to help set them on a direct course to meaningful reform.

Number one, I emphasized that we must focus on working families to address specific taxes that place an unfair burden on them.

Number two, I suggested that the Commission take a careful look at the more than \$1 billion in exemptions and deductions. We must make sure everybody pays their fare share.

Number three, I told them that we must involve the public more to get as much input as possible.

As a result, we agreed to extend the deadline for the commission's work until September 30 in order to get that input. The commission also agreed to hold some meetings outside of Santa Fe. I believe this process should be as inclusive as possible.

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