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Governor Bill Richardson Praises Albuquerque Action to Increase Minimum Wage for Workers

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson released the following statement today regarding the Albuquerque City Council’s recent action on the minimum wage issue:

“The Albuquerque City Council’s vote to increase the minimum wage is a victory for working families throughout the city. I want to praise Council President Martin Heinrich and Mayor Martin Chavez for working together to craft a sensible, fair raise package.

This action again shows that New Mexicans deserve a meaningful increase in the minimum wage. This is a contentious issue, but the Albuquerque experience shows that it doesn’t have to be divisive.

I fought for a reasonable, statewide minimum wage during the legislative session and I supported the increase that Albuquerque just passed. I still believe that a statewide solution is better for workers and more equitable to the business community. I will continue to seek a statewide increase in the minimum wage that ensures a meaningful wage for an honest day’s work.”