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Governor Bill Richardson Given Top Honors by Conservation Voters New Mexico

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson was today named a “Grade A Conservationist” by Conservation Voters New Mexico (CVNM). CVNM today published their 2006 Legislative Scorecard. The scorecard calls Governor Richardson “the most pro-conservation Governor this state has seen in a very long time.”

“Governor Bill Richardson is working hard to protect New Mexico for future generations,” said Sandy Buffett, Executive Director of Conservation Voters New Mexico. “We look forward to working with the Governor to bring strong, pro-conservation legislation to his desk in 2007.”

“This award is a recognition of everything we are doing to protect our water, air and public lands,” Governor Richardson said. “Year after year we have worked to make our clean energy agenda the most aggressive in the nation. Last session we succeeded in passing \$5 million in solar tax credits for homes and businesses and this year conservation and clean energy will again be a big part of my legislative agenda.”

Among his clean energy and environmental proposals during the last session, Governor Richardson – with strong CVNM support – pushed for the passage of the Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy Act. This bill was designed to dedicate a portion of existing oil and gas revenues for land, wildlife and clean energy projects. Governor Richardson has pledged to propose and push for the passage of this act again during the next session.

CVNM is a nonpartisan, non-profit environmental group devoted to furthering sensible conservation policies.