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Richard J. Berry, Mayor
City of Albuquerque
P.O. Box 1293
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Dear Mayor Berry,

As Mayor of the City of Bayard, I am writing in support of an exemption for law enforcement retirees from 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.

It has become harder to recruit police officers in our area due to less young people attending the police academy; therefore this will help to fill the openings in all the police departments.

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

Respectfully,

Charles L. Kelly
Hub of the Mining District
Mayor of the City of Bayard
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