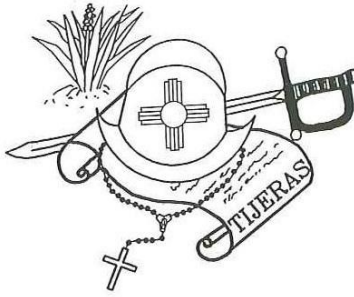


## VILLAGE OF TIJERAS, NEW MEXICO

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Dear Mayor Berry,

As Mayor of the Village of Tijeras, 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 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.

As the Village of Tijeras does not have its own police force we are patrolled by BCSO. I feel that the understaffing of BCSO impacts the Village of Tijeras because we are such a rural area. Allowing retired deputies to return to the force would be an asset to the East Mountain area.

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

Respectfully,  
Gloria J. Chavez  
Mayor of the Village of Tijeras