

Richard J. Berry, Mayor
City of Albuquerque
P.O. Box 1293
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

Dear Mayor Berry,

As Mayor of the Village of Bosque Farms, 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 the residents of Bosque Farms. 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.

We are a small community. We do not have the revenue that other communities have to support their law enforcement troops with competitive wages. Recruiting is a major issue for us. This change would help us attract experienced law enforcement personnel, which is much needed. This affects not only the Village of Bosque Farms, but also the Town of Peralta, inasmuch as we provide law enforcement services to Peralta.

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

Respectfully,



Robert G. Knowlton
Mayor of the Village of Bosque Farms