

Dear New Mexico Legislators,

New Mexicans Support Treatment instead of Incarceration

We support the passage of HM 441, The Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act, sponsored by Representative Antonio Maestas.

We support allowing people charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation and parole violations to receive appropriate community-based treatment services instead of incarceration. Treatment instead of incarceration will save New Mexico's taxpayers millions of dollars each year, and also establish a more effective tool to address substance abuse in our communities. Thank you for your leadership and support on this issue that is so important to New Mexicans.

New Mexico Public Health Association
New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty
New Mexico Governor's HIV/AIDS Policy Commission
Office of Reentry and Prison Reform, New Mexico Corrections Dept.
Rio Grande Foundation
New Mexico Voices for Children
Coalition for Prisoners' Rights
NM Council on Crime and Delinquency
NM Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
National Association of Forensic Counselors - NM Chapter
Veterans for Peace - Albuquerque Chapter
NM Hepatitis C Alliance
NAACP, Santa Fe
New Mexico NAACP
New Mexico Women's Agenda
Albuquerque HealthCare for the Homeless
NM American Civil Liberties Union
NM Department of Peace Initiative
NM HIV Prevention Community Planning Group
NM Nurses Association
NM Women's Justice Project
PB&J Family Services
Rio Grande Alcoholism Treatment Program, INC
Hoy Recovery Program
Alice King Family Center
Families & Youth Inc.
Crossroads for Women
Santa Fe Recovery Center
SF Teen Arts Center, Warehouse 21