

URGENT – CALLS NEEDED TODAY

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To: Supporters of Senate Bill 124 and House Bill 810

Date: February 20, 2007

GREAT NEWS!

The House Health and Government Affairs Committee passed the Statewide Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs (House Bill 810) on February 15, 2007 by a 5-0 vote!

Many thanks to those who came to the hearing to show and voice their support for HB 810.

Thanks also to those who could not come to the State Capitol but were providing long-distance support from around the state.

NEXT STEP: House Appropriations and Finance Committee

House Bill 810 now moves to the House Appropriations and Finance Committee

We need you to show your support for House Bill 810, so please make calls to your Representative!

- Don't forget to call your Representative if he or she is on the list below to urge him or her to support House Bill 810.
- If you have friends or relatives in any of these Representative's districts, please ask them to call their Representative to urge him or her to support House Bill 810

Your help is critical to ensuring passage of House Bill 810 in the House Appropriations and Finance Committee.

Phone calls or emails encouraging these Representatives to pass House Bill 810 will have a big impact on what happens to the bill. More calls and emails are needed, so please continue to contact your Representatives and urge them to support House Bill 810!

And don't forget the Governor!

There's still time to call Governor Richardson, if you haven't done so, to ask him to support Statewide Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs (HB 810). His number is 827-3000.

That you so much for all the calls that have already been made!

APPROPRIATIONS & FINANCE

Title	Name	Role	Party	Phone #
Representative	Henry Kiki Saavedra	Chair	Democrat	986-4316
Representative	Luciano "Lucky" Varela	Deputy Chair	Democrat	986-4318
Representative	Danice Picraux	Vice Chair	Democrat	9864438
Representative	Ray Begaye	Member	Democrat	986-4436
Representative	Richard J. Berry	Member	Republican	986-4454
Representative	Donald E. Bratton	Member	Republican	986-4227
Representative	Joni Marie Gutierrez	Member	Democrat	986-4234
Representative	John A. Heaton	Member	Democrat	986-4432
Representative	Rhonda S. King	Member	Democrat	986-4438
Representative	Larry A. Larranaga	Member	Republican	986-4215
Representative	Antonio Lujan	Member	Democrat	986-4436
Representative	Patricia A. Lundstrom	Member	Democrat	986-4435
Representative	Kathy A. McCoy	Member	Republican	986-4214
Representative	Brian K. Moore	Member	Republican	986-4467
Representative	Nick L. Salazar	Member	Democrat	986-4433
Representative	Don L. Tripp	Member	Republican	986-4220
Representative	Jeannette O. Wallace	Member	Republican	986-4452
Representative	Peter Wirth	Member	Democrat	986-4233

Don't Know Who Your Representative is?

Here's how to find out:

- Go to the legislature's website: www.legis.state.nm.us
- Click on "Find Your Legislator"
- Under "House of Representatives," click on "Search by Name, District or Zip Code"
- Enter your zip code (in some areas – like Albuquerque – you may need to input the extra four digits after your zip code)

You can also call your county clerk.

Thank you for all you do and for your support.

Some facts you might use in a support call with Legislators and others are:

- New Mexico has the third highest teen birth rate in the nation. There are about 4,400 children born to teenagers in NM each year.
- Teenage mothers are less likely to finish high school and less likely to obtain a GED than women who delay having children.
- The gross impact of teenage parenting in New Mexico exceeds half a billion dollars annually.
- Everyone in society loses economically from teenage pregnancy
 - Mothers –
 - Lower education, lower earnings, greater poverty
 - Greater dependency on public assistance
 - Children –

Poorer health, education and lower earnings

More likely to be in foster care or incarcerated for crimes

Taxpayers –

Higher administrative costs of public programs