

URGENT – CALLS NEEDED TODAY!

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To: Supporters of Senate Bill 124

Date: February 20, 2007

SENATE BILL 124 UPDATE

We still need your help with Senate Bill 124. Please continue to make calls and send emails to the Senate Finance Committee and encourage them to schedule Senate Bill 124 to be heard.

We need you to show your support for Senate Bill 124, so please make calls to your Senators!

- Don't forget to call your Senators if he or she is on the list below to urge him or her to support Senate Bill 124 and encourage them to get it on the schedule.
- If you have friends or relatives in any of these Senator's districts, please ask them to call their Senator to urge him or her to support Senate Bill 124.

Your help is critical to get it on the schedule to be heard and ensure passage of Senate Bill 124 in the Senate Finance Committee.

Phone calls or emails encouraging these Senators to schedule Senate Bill 124 to be put on the agenda will have a big impact on what happens to the bill. More calls and emails are needed, so please continue to contact your Senators and encourage them to put Senate Bill 124 on the agenda to be heard!

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 (SB 124). His number is 827-3000.

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

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Title	Name	Role	Party	Phone #
Senator	Timothy Z. Jennings	Co-Chair	Democrat	986-4632
Senator	John Arthur Smith	Co-Chair	Democrat	986-4363
Senator	Carlos R. Cisneros	Vice Chair	Democrat	986-4863
Senator	Joseph J. Carraro	Ranking Member	Republican	986-4387
Senator	Sue Wilson Beffort	Member	Republican	986-4395

Senator	Pete Campos	Member	Democrat	986-4311
Senator	Carroll H. Leavell	Member	Republican	986-4278
Senator	Leonard Lee Rawson	Member	Republican	986-4703
Senator	Nancy Rodriguez	Member	Democrat	986-4264
Senator	Bernadette M. Sanchez	Member	Democrat	986-4267

Don't Know Who Your Senator is?

Here's how to find out:

- Go to the legislature's website: www.legis.state.nm.us
- Click on "Find Your Legislator"
- Under "Senate," 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