

February 10, 2021

Dear Representative,

On behalf of Americans for Prosperity-New Mexico activists, I urge you to vote "YES" on HB 74: Felon Voting Rights Changes

## This vote may be scored on our 2021 Legislative Scorecard.

AFP-NM supports HB 74 because it restores dignity to those with felony records who have paid their debts. At AFP, we're working to create a criminal justice system that recognizes every individual has unique talents and can transform their life and contribute to society. This bill helps achieve those ends, removing barriers for people re-entering our communities and allowing them to engage in our civic process.

Denying someone the right to vote who has paid their debt to society and served their sentence is unjust and immoral. We should be removing barriers for people who are coming back into society and treating them like full citizens, so they have a better chance of succeeding and making our communities stronger. Restoring voting rights will help make our criminal justice system more just, improve public safety, and give real second chances to New Mexicans who have earned them.

Americans for Prosperity-New Mexico strongly urges the legislature to pass this bill and help more New Mexicans become productive, law-abiding members of society.

Sincerely,

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