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**Please contact Sen Gonzales to get his support for SB 8 by Friday**

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[SB-8](#) is a critical environmental bill which may be heard in the Senate Finance Committee as early as Friday. It is, of course, opposed by Oil and Gas and may also be targeted by some Dems in the committee so Bobby's vote will matter.

**SB-8** will amend the Air Quality Control Act and the Hazardous Waste Act to allow the Environmental Improvement Board, as well as local air quality boards, to adopt regulations that are stronger than the federal regulations. (Under current state law (federal) EPA regulations are a ceiling. Most state bodies and municipalities can't go further. Removing the "no more stringent than" language from state law will change this to allow the EPA regulations to be a floor! It's way past time to fix this.) This is a no cost bill to ensure that NM can protect its environment and its people despite the many environmental regulations that were "rolled back" under the Trump Administration.

According to NM Environmental Dept, the changes to the Air Quality Control Act proposed by SB8 are critical to efforts to mitigate regional and statewide air pollution, accomplish the greenhouse gas emission reductions required by Executive Order 2019-003, and develop and implement regulations in a timely and efficient manner as needs arise. Similarly, the bill would give the Environmental Improvement Board authority to promulgate rules that would provide greater assurance of safe transport, treatment, and disposal of hazardous waste, as well as provisions for the safe clean-up of hazardous waste facilities.

[SB8 Fiscal Impact Report](#)

[SB8 Fact Sheet](#)

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