



**GREEN AMENDMENTS  
FOR THE GENERATIONS**  
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### ***2023 New Mexico Green Amendment Roundup Where We Landed and Looking Forward***

Dear New Mexico Green Amendment Partners and Activists,

I wanted to circle up with everyone about our 2023 New Mexico Green Amendment effort.

The session seemed disappointing for the environmental efforts that so many had been working towards, and the New Mexico Green Amendment was no exception. The unfounded and deceptive opposition from Interwest Energy Alliance (IEA) making false assertions about the impacts of the amendment for clean energy progress in the state certainly derailed so much of the good groundwork that had been laid – whether by design or happenstance, they issued their misleading and deceptive position papers at just the right time to do maximum damage.

Despite proactive and open dialogue, and an effort at language modifications that could strengthen the already existing clean energy benefits of the existing language, the industrial representatives and lobbyists made clear they were not interested in any resolution to their “so-called” concerns, they just wanted to kill the amendment.

Layered on top of this was the Fiscal Impact Report (FIR) assessment. Discussions with the Attorney General’s (AG) office and the sharing of legal analyses and cases from the existing Green Amendment states (PA, MT, NY) resulted in a more accurate legal assessment of, and position regarding, the NM Green Amendment from the New Mexico Attorney General. But when that information was given to the assessors for the FIR, they failed to use the AG legal assessment of the impacts of the Green Amendment, but instead pivoted to embrace false and misleading legal characterizations of the New Mexico Environment Department and the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department.

By the time this whole process was done, rather than providing the members of the Senate Rules Committee with a more accurate and objective analysis of the New Mexico Green Amendment to inform their consideration and vote – they were given another misleading mischaracterization that seemed politically motivated against the New Mexico Green Amendment.

And so, when the pivotal moment came to decide whether to press for a vote or make space for other important environmental proposals that did have a chance at success, the decision was clear, we had to leave the space and time for the other environmental opportunities advancing.

All that being said, we made tremendous progress:

- The New Mexico Attorney General does have a more accurate understanding of the values of the New Mexico Green Amendment and has a more objective perspective and position regarding its benefits and legal impacts.

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- Our coalition of supporters remained strong with new allies joining the effort. The Green Amendment Action App got up and running and people started to utilize the platform as a great place to get up to date information and to engage with one another.
- As upsetting as the IEA lies were to swallow - we now know what they are and that in fact their opposition is just based on false hypotheticals, lies, and/or mischaracterizations of law and that with the truth we can address every one of their attacks.
- Powerful voices came out in support of the New Mexico Green Amendment, with Senator Pinto adding her powerful perspective to the voices of other leading champions, notably Representative Ferrary, Senator Sedillo Lopez, Senator Pope, Representative Roybal Caballero— 20 legislators in all.
- Our new partners and alliances are opening up greater opportunities for us to consult, engage and work together towards success for next year.

I hope you will stay optimistic and engaged as we move forward to secure a constitutional right of all New Mexicans to a clean, safe and healthy environment that is meaningful and enforceable and does not leave the power with the legislators, but instead gives it back to the people!

With Warm Regards,

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