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The Honorable Bill Richardson
Office of the Governor
State Capitol Building, Suite 400
Santa Fe, NM 87503

Dear Governor Richardson:

The Catholic Bishops of New Mexico urge you to support title insurance reform and to put the issue on your call in the 2008 session.

As it is our purpose to promote the betterment of mankind by addressing issues of moral concern and social justice, we believe that Think New Mexico's title insurance reform legislation is an essential component to a package of housing reforms, not the least of which is a \$15 million appropriation to the New Mexico Trust Fund.

Amid the deepening housing crisis, thousands of working New Mexico families are watching their dreams of homeownership fade away. With Think New Mexico's legislation, no family will pay more for title insurance, and in most cases, they will pay much less.

Sincerely,

Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan
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