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Senate Republicans Successfully Stall Another Unconstitutional Gun Bill

SANTA FE — Senate Republican Leader, **Senator Greg Baca** (R-Belen), **Senator Mark Moores** (R-Albuquerque), and **Senator Cliff Pirtle** (R-Roswell) today successfully stalled another unconstitutional gun bill in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Senate Bill 116 would, with limited exceptions, make it illegal for a person under the age of 21 to purchase or possess an automatic or semiautomatic firearm, and magazines with more than a 10-round capacity. During the hearing, members of the committee raised concerns about the constitutionality of the legislation which ultimately stalled after motions to advance the bill failed.

Senators Baca and Pirtle released the following statements:

“I commend my colleagues in the Senate Judiciary Committee who refuse to advance unconstitutional gun bills. It is frankly unacceptable that we are spending so much time debating these measures while legislation to target criminals and combat crime are being delayed. The people of New Mexico deserve better.” —**Senator Baca**

“The progressives in Santa Fe continue to expose their deep animosity for rural New Mexico and all law-abiding gun owners. Our 18-year-old citizens can enlist in the armed forces, they can be deployed to foreign nations, and they can fight in combat. The idea that they are incapable of responsibly owning a firearm is ludicrous.” —**Senator Pirtle**

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