



REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO SUPPORTS NM HOUSE GOP LEADERSHIP'S CALL FOR GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A SPECIAL SESSION TO ADDRESS SOARING CRIME

*RPNM: DEMOCRAT-LED LEADERSHIP MUST TACKLE OUR
ONGOING CRIME CRISIS IN NEW MEXICO*

Albuquerque, August 19—The Republican Party of New Mexico is throwing its full support behind NM House Republican Leadership's call for a Special Legislative Session to come to grips with New Mexico's escalating crime problem.

House leaders yesterday [sent this letter to Gov. Lujan Grisham](#), exhorting her to hold a Session before lawmakers convene for their regular session in January. RPNM agrees that the time is now. New Mexico is infested with crime.

"Republican House leaders have called the crime crisis in our state a public emergency, and they are absolutely right," said Republican Party of New Mexico Chairman Steve Pearce. "Albuquerque is seeing a record number of murders this year, and crime continues to soar across our state. This has become a sad commentary on our Governor and Democrat-led leadership in Santa Fe who have repeatedly rejected Republican proposals to deal with this public safety crisis. The time to act is now, and a Special Session is the right place to start. This is not a partisan problem, but a New Mexico problem."

Albuquerque is ranked among the most dangerous cities in America and has already shattered its one-year record for homicides in 2021. The Governor and Democrat-led legislature have failed New Mexico citizens when it comes to public safety. Albuquerque

doesn't have enough officers or resources to combat this unmanageable crime, and officers have fled to other states. Department morale is also low.

Despite Republican legislative efforts the past two years, Democrats refuse to strengthen penalties for criminals and won't address a weak judicial system that promotes "catch and release" policies for criminals. It's time we get tough on criminals and stop this out-of-control crime.

Democrats' progressive policies aim to mollify criminals while providing little support for our law enforcement.

Here are ten bills sponsored by House Republicans to crack down on the state's crime problem.

Democrats have killed all of them.

2021 Session

- HB 58 Additional Violent Felonies
- HB 59 Habitual Felony Offender Consideration
- HB 62 Prosecution Time Limit for Certain Felonies
- HB 80 Pretrial Detention Rebuttable Presumption
- HB 81 Unlawful Weapons While Trafficking

2020 Session

- HB 32 Pretrial Bond Hearing
- HB 33 3 Strikes Equal Life Sentence
- HB 36 No Statute of limitation on 2nd Degree Murder
- HB 114 Firearms and Controlled Substance Penalty
- HB 203 Pretrial Release Hearing Changes