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I don't think more regulations will help with this issue and the heat exposure. It would be great to have more people informed and educated about heat stroke and the signs and potential health hazards. Implementing this type of rule isn't going to help workers in the end. Unemployment is high in our state, and finding skilled and motivated workers is hard. If this rule is introduced, these skilled workers could move to other states, increasing unemployment. This will adversely affect the prices in our state, because it will cost more, as the business will need to hire someone to monitor and supervise these regulations. Also, it will take longer to get projects accomplished. New Mexico is a poor state, and it shouldn't be because we have a lot of revenue from other sources. This is because we have too many government regulations on issues that don't need fixing or influencing. Usually, the government regulations cause more headaches for consumers and businesses.

The weather is hot and extremely hot and dry from June through September, but it usually stays above 80 degrees from March through October. How can a person make a living only being able to work a few full months in the year? Adding extra breaks and a supervisor isn't going to fix anything. Employees who work outside year-round already take precautions and work their schedules around so that they don't work in the heat of the day. This is done without the government intervening.