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To Whom It May Concern:

The Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 7076 strongly supports the Heat Illness and Injury Prevention Rule proposed by the New Mexico Environment Department/NM OSHA to protect workers in the state from heat-related illnesses and death, with some modifications as noted in this letter. Heat-related illnesses and death are preventable.

As the CWA Agency VP for the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA), I am writing on behalf of the nearly 250 Union-represented workers at DCA to express our support and the importance of this rule. DCA employees include archaeologists, interpretive rangers, farm workers, and facilities maintenance workers who regularly work outdoors, as well as others who work in historic buildings with old, malfunctioning, or non-existent HVAC systems.

In closing, with the requested modifications, this standard will provide essential, life-saving protections for workers across the state. We urge its swift adoption to prevent avoidable heat-related illnesses and loss of life, and to affirm New Mexico's commitment to worker safety and health.

Sincerely,  
Monica Meehan  
CWA Local 7076 Steward and Agency VP for DCA