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The Honorable Jeff Bingaman
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, District of Columbia 20510

Dear Senator Bingaman:

As president of the New Mexico Society of Enrolled Agents (NMSEA), a state affiliate of the National Association of Enrolled Agents (NAEA), I want to take this opportunity to endorse the legislation you are introducing today and thank you for your leadership in improving the integrity of the tax filing system. Your bill requiring the Treasury to enroll all commercial tax preparers will go a long way to help taxpayers here in New Mexico and across the country.

As the National Taxpayer Advocate observed, unscrupulous or untrained commercial preparers cost the Treasury hundreds of millions of dollars in uncollected revenue. Your bill will ensure that anyone being paid to prepare tax forms is of the highest ethical and substantive standards. Additionally, your bill provides that the Office of Professional Responsibility will have the necessary resources to ensure enforcement and promote all practitioners entitled to practice before the Internal Revenue Service.

Once again, I thank you on behalf of the NMSEA. We look forward to working with you in passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Linda Ruckel, EA
President