



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **News Advisory for Tomorrow, February 10, 2010, 2 pm**

#### **Better Choices NM Calls on Senate to Support Fair, Necessary Revenue Increases 12,000 New Mexicans Sign Petition in Support of Increasing Revenue**

**SANTA FE**--Better Choices New Mexico (BCNM) will present a pro-tax petition signed by thousands of New Mexicans at a press conference in the state Capitol on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 2pm. The petition calls for the Legislature to raise taxes in order to avoid further cuts to education. The petition was recently circulated by the American Federation of Teachers—New Mexico.

Speakers at the press conference, which is titled “Let Our Voices Be Heard,” will urge New Mexico senators to stop budget cuts and enact fair and necessary revenue increases instead. BCNM will call on state senators to ensure that New Mexico maintains necessary investments in education, public safety, and health care by making the rich and out-of-state corporations pay their fair share.

Dozens of economists – including Nobel Laureates – agree that maintaining these necessary investments is the best way to climb out of a recession, while deep budget cuts will slow the process.

**WHAT:** Press Conference

**WHO:** Better Choices New Mexico

**WHERE:** State Capitol Rotunda, Santa Fe

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 2-3pm

**INVITED SPEAKERS:**

Pam Wiseman, Executive Director, NM Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Deborah Tang, Director, St. Elizabeth Shelter

Ben Larzelere, Pastor, Christ Lutheran Church

**NOTE:** Numerous BCNM organization members will be available for interviews.

*Better Choices New Mexico unites New Mexico's faith community, working families, small businesses and nonprofit social advocacy groups that believe it is harmful to scale back investments in education, health care, and public safety.*

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