



February 26, 2025

The Honorable John Block  
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State Capitol, 203HN  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

The Honorable Stefani Lord  
House District 22  
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The Honorable Randall T. Pettigrew  
House District 61  
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State Capitol, 202B  
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Dear Representatives Block, Lord, and Pettigrew:

On behalf of the over 2 million members of AMAC – Association of Mature American Citizens, including over 15,400 who reside in New Mexico, I write to offer our support for House Bill 83.

For too long federal and state governments have violated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of our revered Constitution, and in doing so have weakened the ability of American citizens to protect themselves, their families, and their property. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment ultimately protects our God-given natural rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and any actions we can take to ensure the right and freedom to bear arms is protected and practiced is critical to the future of the state of New Mexico and our nation.

HB 83 allows citizens over 18 to carry loaded firearms in an open or concealed manner. The bill further defines that the definition of “carrying a deadly weapon” does not include firearms. This is a cogent change as firearms in this case are a tool for self-defense.

Thank you, Representatives Block, Lord, and Pettigrew, for advancing HB 83. We appreciate your work to protect our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment right to keep and bear arms, and to protect ourselves and our communities in New Mexico.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew J. Mangione Jr.".

Andrew J. Mangione Jr.  
Senior Vice President  
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