

United States Senate

MESSAGE FROM
UNITED STATES SENATOR JEFF BINGAMAN
HOBBS HISPANO CHAMBER
APPRECIATION BANQUET
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Let me begin by thanking you for the invitation to the 4th Annual Hobbs Hispano Chamber of Commerce Appreciation Banquet. I'd like to welcome former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales to southeast New Mexico. Mr. Gonzales was a ground breaker when he became the first Hispanic to ever serve as our nation's top law enforcement officer.

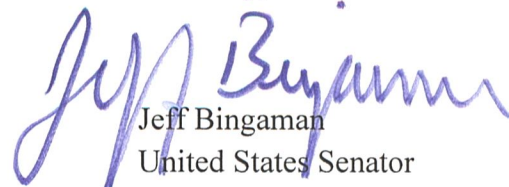
As all of you certainly understand the Hobbs Hispano Chamber of Commerce serves an important role in promoting and encouraging the development of minority-owned business. We know that small businesses truly are the bedrock of our New Mexican economy. Small businesses provide important jobs, services and goods to our economy and perhaps more importantly represent the dream that in America you can strike out on your own and achieve great things.

Tonight the Hispano Chamber recognizes small businesses and those who unselfishly dedicate themselves to serving the community. I congratulate those receiving these prestigious awards and thank them for their work and dedication.

I want to acknowledge President Oscar Jaquez, the Executive Board members and Executive Director Juana Frazier for their continuing commitment to serve the City of Hobbs. Please know that I will continue to work to help you achieve your goals and enable you to take full advantage of what additional business opportunities and resources provided by the federal government.

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations. I look forward to continuing to work with you, and wish you continued success.

Sincerely,


Jeff Bingaman
United States Senator