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To our volunteers,

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...and for an even brighter future ahead.

Thank You
The Law Center has been instrumental in holding mining companies, landowners, and regulators accountable for their actions, helping communities fight for their rights and protect their environment. The Law Center’s history is one of success and perseverance, with many landmark victories along the way.

The Land Center’s most important and valuable resources are its people. It is also one of the most important and valuable resources, as it is also one of the most abused and neglected. The Law Center’s mission is to help communities fight for their rights and protect their environment. The land is our home. It makes me feel like we have hope…

When you visit the Law Center, you know it brings me a sense of purpose and pride. I believe in what they do, and I know they believe in it too. Every time I hear the name, I have a renewed sense of hope and determination. The Law Center is working hard to make a difference, and I am proud to be a part of it.

The Law Center’s success is due to the dedication of its staff and volunteers, as well as the community members who come together to fight for their rights. The Law Center’s story is one of hope and perseverance, and I am proud to be a part of it.
Thank you all for 30 amazing years for New Mexico, to invest in effective legal advocacy and the vision to include the communities of color, who support a strong economy that will be a beautiful, healthy place for generations.

We have represented groups and individuals for public health, environmental quality and the well-being of all of us. You know that we will continue to work for the strongest protections possible.

For over a decade, oil and gas cases have been the Law Center’s very first priority. Our work in 1991 protected Taos Pueblo from massive contamination of the Medio and El Morro springs by a coal gasification project which the State could grant permits for.

We represented Taos Pueblo in an unprecedented case to prevent Tecton from drilling in the state’s largest aquifer and the 1000-year old living culture of Taos that are threatened by pollution hazards.

Over a decade, we represented the United Nations Environment Programme, Environmental Justice, and the 1993 New Mexico Mining Act.

The state’s uranium groundwater standards have resulted in one of the largest underground uranium repositories in the United States, which required the EPA’s drinking water standard to be lowered from 30μ/L (the World Health Organization’s standard) to 2μ/L. Hearing officers had to record public input, but didn’t have to use it when making permitting decisions, and throughout the 1990s we represented the Navajo, Hopi, and Pueblo tribes.

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