

# Who supports the Health Security Act?



*Here's what just a few are saying:*

**Mary Schipper, Physician & Co-Owner, Las Vegas Clinic for Children & Youth**

"As the owner of a private practice, I see the Health Security Act as improving health care for everybody by insuring the whole community comprehensively. As a small business owner, I am experiencing our own premiums going up 20-25% per year. The Act would slow down these increases."

**Gary Whitehead, Owner, Whitehead Chevrolet  
former Sierra County Commissioner, Truth or Consequences**

"The Health Security bill is a very thoughtful plan. Over the years concerns have been listened to and modifications made to best reflect the needs of New Mexico. We need to get everyone insured and to start this common-sense three-year process now."

**Paul Milan, Banker, Chairman of the Board, Grants State Bank**

"It is time for a re-vamping of the current health care system to a system that will take care of everyone. Rising premiums make it impossible for businesses to expand and create jobs since revenues are eaten up by health care costs. Higher deductibles and co-pays are adding a burden to the employees. We definitely need the Health Security Act."

**Rich Bigelow, President, Southwest New Mexico Home Builders Association**

"Insurance has become unaffordable for builders. The deductibles are high and the coverage is not comprehensive. For us, it is great that the Health Security Plan includes lower worker's compensation and lower auto insurance premiums. This would benefit the employee and be affordable to the employer."

**Jeannine Corn Best, Rancher and Business Owner, Roswell**

"I like the Health Security Act's co-op approach. In the agricultural community it is almost impossible to get health insurance for under \$12,000 a year. As a rancher and small business owner, I cannot provide insurance for my employees. A cooperative seems to work for farmers and ranchers, sheepherders, and the electrical business. We understand co-ops. They have been working for us for centuries."

**Jack Volpato, Carlsbad Pharmacist and Eddy County Commissioner**

"As a pharmacist, I deal with numerous plans with numerous formularies. Because most New Mexicans would be in one plan under the Health Security Act, what has become an overly complex system would be simplified. Pharmacists could spend more time with patients rather than spend hours on the phone working with a physician to make sure that the prescribed drug is on the patient's formulary."

**Rita Trujillo, Owner, RTD Hardware, Las Cruces**

"Health insurance is a big problem for small businesses. Four to five or even six employees don't pull any weight with the insurance companies. We cannot afford the premiums. It makes such economic sense to set up the Health Security co-op plan in which we would all share the risk."

**Elizabeth Munoz-Hamilton, Broker/Owner, Coldwell Banker High Desert Realty,  
Vice President, Navajo TractorSales, Gallup**

"Insurance companies have changed dramatically in terms of care and increased cost in the last few years. Families cannot get the health insurance they need. As an independent business woman, I think the Health Security Act would be a life saver for our families and our small businesses."

**Who else supports the Health Security Act?  
More than 140 organizations and 30 cities & counties!**

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