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Dear Mr. Ramirez-Arechiga,
In reviewing the proposed rules for operation of the Law Enforcement Certification Board, I find they are circumventing the statutes in the law as adopted.

The NM Law Enforcement Certification Board was created to provide oversight for police and it is the only "independent" oversight available, short of a lawsuit.
Our institutions have lost their credibility. People don't trust the police, particularly youth and people of color. I'm white, middle class, retired, and do not trust police based on local reporting. When police abuse their authority or engage in violations of law, ethics, and responsible behavior, they need to be held accountable and reported to the responsible agency.

There cannot be allowances for certain law enforcement positions. The whole process will not be credible. The Certification Board's oversight must be transparent and follow the statutes.

I feel these rules are designed to circumvent the statutes as written.

I hope you will reject these proposed rules as inadequate and unacceptable. Ask the board to rewrite them in a timely fashion. It has already taken too long.
Sincerely,
Susanne Hinkle
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