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**BARELA ISSUES STATEMENT REGARDING VOTE TO INCREASE FEDERAL DEBT LIMIT  
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Albuquerque, NM -- Jon Barela released the following statement, regarding today's vote by the US House to raise the federal debt ceiling by \$1.9 trillion, or approximately \$6,000 for every U.S. resident ("House Faces Tough Vote on \$1.9T More Debt," Associated Press, 2/4/10):

"Martin Heinrich voted today to further mortgage the future of our children in order to pay for reckless government spending in Washington. He could have sided with other Democrats who rejected the proposal. He could have listened to New Mexicans, who know that greater government debt kills jobs, not creates them. Instead, as he does so often, he sided with the interests and demands of Nancy Pelosi and other top party bosses. For an independent district in an independent state, there clearly isn't a shred of independence in Martin Heinrich."

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