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JON BARELA BECOMES THE OFFICIAL REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR NEW MEXICO'S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – Today, Jon Barela submitted the required candidate filing paperwork and petition signatures to the New Mexico Secretary of State, officially becoming the Republican nominee for New Mexico's First Congressional District. Barela was the only Republican to file paperwork for the 2010 election cycle; as such, he will run unopposed in June's primary election and will challenge incumbent Martin Heinrich in November's general election.

"I'm honored to be a candidate for Congress, I'm humbled by the support we've received from New Mexicans within the First Congressional District and beyond, and I look forward to earning the trust of voters in the months ahead," said Jon Barela. "Clearly, New Mexicans are not proud of the budget-busting, wasteful spending taking place in Washington today. They work hard for every dime they earn, and members of Congress have failed to be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars. It's time to elect a leader who will not march in lock-step behind Nancy Pelosi and her far-left agenda, and instead, simply tell Washington that enough is enough and offer a better way forward."

Barela's campaign filed four times the number of signatures required by the NM Secretary of State. All filing paperwork was completed and submitted in accordance with state law.

Barela concluded, "Republicans, Democrats and Independents, as well as voters from all walks of life, have rallied behind my candidacy and are working hard to ensure we are successful in November. We're presenting a united front, and today is an important day. As the official nominee for the First Congressional District, our charge is to run a strong campaign, win in November, and bring back the true representation of New Mexican values to Washington D.C."

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