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We are proud to express our support of Damon Martinez for Congress.

In 2013, we were the unfortunate victims of a home invasion by four Albuquerque police officers who had the wrong house. They stormed into our home asking questions of us – who we were, what we were doing, how long we lived there and searched the entire house.

When the police finally left, we proceeded to address this issue with Mayor Berry, Police Chief Schultz and the Police Oversight Commission. We had no response.

Finally, we contacted the Department of Justice and had the opportunity to work with the U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico, Damon Martinez, and his staff. Immediately, we appreciated his concern about our APD experience. What became clear was that Damon was a person of integrity, discipline, and compassion. These are all traits we need in our next Representative in Congress.

Throughout Damon's tenure, we attended community advocate meetings. For the first time, community members, families, organizations were given a voice at the table. The task before the Department of Justice to reform APD was immense, but Damon was steadfast. He attended each meeting, listening and building coalitions. Because of his time volunteering at Brothers of the Good Shepherd, he understood the importance of addressing issues around mental illness and homelessness.

Damon's integrity and true commitment to public service have drawn a large network of supporters and friends into his life from all backgrounds. We believe that as a member of Congress, Damon Martinez will continue to keep the concerns of people at the forefront and that his door in Congress will always be open to New Mexicans.

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