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The Honorable James H. Bilbray

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I also work at nearby Eastern New Mexico University and the closing would eliminate close to 10% of our student population and a number of co-workers. The ripple effect would be felt for many years to come.

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