

*Rep. Luján Visits Class Taught by New Mexico Native, UNM Grad*

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Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Ben Ray Luján taught a lesson on renewable energy, sustainability, and energy efficiency to a high school class at Ballou High School in Washington, DC. The class on environmental science is taught by New Mexico native, Kristin Moore. Rep. Luján discussed his experience in Congress and took questions from students on topics ranging from his duties in Congress to useful energy efficiency practices they can use.

“It’s important that students have knowledge of emerging clean technology,” said Rep. Luján. “As our economy struggles, we’re going to need to continue preparing our young people for jobs of the future and equip them with an understanding of energy efficient practices. Moreover, the future of our planet will ultimately be in their hands—and we want their generation to be engaged in these issues and empowered with information to make a difference.”

Rep. Luján is a member of the Committee on Science and Technology and Vice Chair of the Technology and Innovation Subcommittee. As a member of the Committee, Rep. Luján will work to make New Mexico a leader in renewable energy development and to address climate change through research and development. Rep. Luján is also a member of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition.

Before coming to Congress, Rep. Luján worked in New Mexico on climate change and renewable energy as a New Mexico Public Regulation Commissioner. Rep. Luján developed and signed the Joint Action Framework on Climate Change with his colleagues in California, Oregon and Washington. The Framework established regional solutions to global warming. Rep. Luján has long been an advocate for increasing renewable energy generation. He worked with the governor and the state legislature to implement energy efficiency standards, net-metering rules, and a Renewable Portfolio Standard –one of the strongest in the nation. The Renewable Portfolio Standard will require utility companies to draw 20 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2020.