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*Youth Activists Cycled from New Mexico to Washington, DC to Advocate for Climate Change Policy*

Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Ben Ray Luján met with youth activists from Taos who spent the last six weeks bicycling from New Mexico to Washington, DC to advocate for policy change that combats climate change and increases the use of clean energy. Nathalie Bertoncin, Remy Franklin, and Anne Caroline Franklin of Taos are participating in the Trek to Reenergize America, a program that encourages youth from across the country to bicycle to the nation's capital in support of environmental sustainability and clean energy legislation. Throughout the duration of their travels, participants met with people from around the country to discuss clean energy and environmental issues. They also blogged on their experiences at <http://trektorenergize.org/blog/> and <http://coloradoroute.blogspot.com/>.

“Remy Franklin, Anne Caroline Franklin, and Nathalie Bertoncin are an inspiration to young people—and to all of us—throughout New Mexico and the country,” said Rep. Luján. “Their willingness to stand up for something they believe in and take action should serve as an example. It was an honor to greet them in Washington and discuss clean energy and climate change, the issues that inspired them to take action.”

