

Heinrich announces Youth Climate Change Challenge

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New Mexico students GET TO express themselves

ALBUQUERQUE – U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich, D-N.M., announced the Youth Climate Change Challenge Oct. 9. Heinrich is inviting New Mexico students from grades K–12 to submit drawings, paintings, poetry, and short essays about what the climate crisis means to them. Senator Heinrich will visit the classrooms of the first--place winners.

“When I meet with students in New Mexico calling for climate action, I am always impressed with their depth of knowledge on climate science, their observations of how climate change is already impacting their daily lives, and their eagerness for action at both the local and global level. I want to elevate the voices of these young New Mexicans who are calling on all of us to literally save their future,” Heinrich said. “That’s why I am launching the Youth Climate Change Challenge. I’m inviting students to submit their ideas and share their stories about what the climate crisis means for them. This is an opportunity for youth to use their creativity to drive home the importance of this problem. I look forward to visiting the classroom of the first--place winners and engaging in a dialogue about what we need to do to confront climate change.”

The deadline for the first round of submissions from students in Albuquerque is Nov. 8. Additional challenges will take place in 2020 in other cities across New Mexico.

For more information: heinrich.senate.gov/climatechallenge