## Senator Peter Wirth's "Top 10" Tips for Citizen Advocacy at the New Mexico Legislature Presented in true David Letterman style

- 10. Don't be scared of the Round House it's your building.
- 9. Understand what it takes for a bill to become law.
- 8. Use the tools on the Legislature's web page: www.nmlegis.gov.
- 7. E-mail is a great way to communicate with most legislators but know legislator's preference
- 6. A legislator's constituents are generally the best advocates.
- 5. Be courteous and remember your bill is one of thousands.
- 4. Bills usually take more than one to legislative session to pass.
- 3. A great place to meet legislators is on the chamber floor before or after session
- 2. Speak up at committee meetings.
- 1. Count your votes and be targeted.