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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As this legislative session comes to a close, I want to provide you with a direct and honest assessment of what happened in Santa Fe: what we fought for, what we stopped, and what the Progressive majority chose to prioritize instead of the real issues facing Bernalillo, Sandoval, Santa Fe, and Torrance counties.

First, I want to share something positive from the final week of session. I had the honor of hosting members of the **East Mountain High School Robotics Team** at the Roundhouse. These talented students demonstrated a robot they designed to help identify and mitigate forest wildfires — an innovation with real-world implications for protecting our communities.

Watching these young leaders present their work was a reminder that New Mexico's future is bright when we empower innovation, education, and practical problem-solving. I am proud to support students who are developing solutions that could protect lives and property across our state.

Unfortunately, much of the session itself was defined by misplaced priorities.

One of the most concerning outcomes was the passage and signing of **House Bill 9: the "Immigrant Safety" Act**. This sanctuary-style legislation restricts cooperation between state and federal law enforcement. Beyond the public safety concerns, analysis suggests this policy could jeopardize up to 1,000 jobs across Torrance, Cibola, and Otero Counties. At a time when families are working hard to make ends meet, we cannot afford reckless policies that threaten both public safety and livelihoods.

Equally alarming was **Senate Bill 18: the "Clear Horizons" Act**. This radical environmental measure would have codified extreme greenhouse gas mandates that would have impacted every sector of New Mexico's economy. Energy production, agriculture, manufacturing, small businesses, and working families would have felt the pain through higher costs and lost jobs. I am proud to report that we successfully defeated this bill. Had it passed, it would have been one of the most economically destructive laws in state history.

Unfortunately, not every common-sense proposal survived.

My own legislation, **Senate Bill 78**, sought to simply include nuclear energy—both fission and emerging fusion technologies—as part of New Mexico's future energy portfolio. Nuclear power is reliable, zero-emission, and critical if we are serious about energy independence and economic growth. Yet SB 78 was tabled in the Senate Conservation Committee. Instead of embracing innovation, the majority continues to push unreliable and politically driven energy mandates.

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On medical malpractice reform, we made significant progress with the passage of **House Bill 99, “Medical Malpractice Reform.”** Despite the trial attorneys’ attempts to undermine the bill, the Senate voted 25-17 to strip off the amendments which came out of the Senate Judiciary Committee, paving the way for a clean pass of HB99. The intent is this will alleviate an out-of-control insurance liability environment in New Mexico by placing caps on compensatory and punitive lawsuits. We pray this will encourage physicians to remain in our state. Access to care remains a crisis, especially in rural communities like ours.

Juvenile justice reform—desperately needed to address rising violent crime committed by repeat young offenders—was left unresolved. Once again, public safety took a back seat to progressive ideology. Instead of pursuing criminals, they went after law-abiding citizens with **Senate Bill 17**, a radical gun control measure, which passed the Senate 21-17 despite three Democrats joining all Republicans in opposing this bill. Fortunately, the bill was killed in the House, preserving the rights guaranteed to us by the U.S. Constitution.

Conservatives entered this session focused on practical solutions: safer communities, responsible spending, expanded healthcare access, and protecting constitutional freedoms. We supported measures that strengthened penalties for assaults on law enforcement, improved behavioral health tools for dangerous offenders, and expanded access to doctors through interstate licensure compacts.

Meanwhile, the Progressive majority prioritized attacking Second Amendment rights, expanding government spending to record levels, pushing activist environmental policies, concealing information about taxpayer-funded abortion procedures, and even advancing a proposal to give lawmakers themselves a \$67,000 annual salary—all while our state continues to struggle with crime, poor educational outcomes, and economic stagnation.

Under Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, state government spending has increased by nearly 80 percent. Yet we have not seen 80 percent safer streets, 80 percent better schools, or 80 percent stronger roads. New Mexicans deserve results, not political theater.

Despite the obstacles, I will continue supporting policies that protect our jobs, strengthen our economy, defend our constitutional rights, and make our communities safer. I remain committed to standing up for the people of this district—not the radical agenda dominating Santa Fe.

It is an honor to serve you. Please never hesitate to contact my office with your concerns or ideas. The fight for New Mexico’s future continues.

Respectfully,



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