



New Mexico State Senate
State Capitol
Santa Fe

March 20, 2026

Honorable Nathan Small, Chair
Honorable George Munoz, Vice-Chair
Legislative Finance Committee
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Mr. Chair & Mr. Vice-Chair:

With each annual budget larger than the last, New Mexico taxpayers are being asked to fund increasing amounts of government spending.

Yet we are concerned that too few guardrails exist to prevent these precious tax dollars from being lost to fraud, waste, and abuse. As Senate Finance Committee members, we urge the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) to investigate questionable expenditures in the following areas of vulnerability:

- SNAP Eligibility and Participation Rates
- Universal Childcare
- DOT Inventory Control
- CYFD Behavioral Health

As you know, New Mexico residents continue to demand accountability in the expenditure of their precious tax dollars, and we therefore respectfully ask that the LFC dedicate time in its 2026 work plan to study and design legislative solutions to prevent further losses.

Respectfully,

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Senator Craig Brandt
Senate District 40

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Senator Pat Woods
Senate District 7

Handwritten signature of Senator Nicole Tobiassen in black ink.

Senator Nicole Tobiassen
Senate District 21

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Senate District 2