



New Mexico State Legislature

STATE CAPITOL
Santa Fe

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The Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor, The State of New Mexico
State Capitol, Room 400
490 Old Santa Fe Trail
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Dear Governor:

In response to your recent public announcement calling a special session of the Legislature on October 1, 2025, we are requesting your office provide the leadership of the House and Senate Republican Caucuses with the details of all your proposals for the special session, including legislative language, by the end of the week. With only 16 days remaining until the beginning of the special session, the only details that we have on your specific proposals come from a September 4, 2025, press release that identifies five generic issues that “could” be part of a package that lawmakers may consider.

While we understand your office has been consulting with Democrat leadership regarding the details of these potential special session issues, Republican legislators should be given the same courtesy and opportunity to thoroughly review the fiscal impact and programmatic requirements associated with these proposals. This review is particularly necessitated because your public statements have, unfortunately, left the impression that New Mexicans will immediately lose Medicaid and SNAP benefits. Needless to say, nothing could be further from the truth.

The Medicaid and SNAP reforms enacted by the federal budget reconciliation bill (H.R. 1) are highly complex. Thus, before any determination can be made as to how New Mexico will be impacted requires the issuance of all related regulations and guidance documents by federal agencies explaining how these reforms must be implemented. Only after federal agencies have acted can legislators and executive branch staff make informed decisions as to what effect, if any, these Medicaid and SNAP reforms will have on New Mexicans and the state budget. Plus, policymakers have sufficient time to fully understand these Medicaid and SNAP changes as they will not become effective until January 2027 at the earliest, with other reforms not being effective until mid-to-late 2027.

We are also writing to inform your office that Republican legislators plan on introducing a series of legislative proposals during the special session to address the real emergencies New Mexicans are currently facing. Rather than calling for a special session to create a political platform to criticize the provisions of H.R. 1, we believe the special session should be utilized to enact proposals that will: 1) reduce out-of-control drug and violent crime; 2) address rampant juvenile crime; 3) implement various interstate medical licensure compacts; 4) address the homeless problem and 5) fix a failing CYFD. We also recommend the special session be used to focus attention on the urgent need for medical malpractice insurance reform. As your office may recall, the leadership teams of the House and Senate Republican Caucuses sent you a letter at the conclusion of the 2025 60-day session asking for an immediate special session to address many of the issues mentioned above.

In turn, we respectfully request the special session proclamation permit consideration of all legislative proposals dealing with violent, juvenile, and drug crimes; interstate medical licensure compacts; homeless issues; and CYFD reform. The people of New Mexico are convinced these are the real emergencies facing our state and we ask for your leadership in helping provide the Legislature with the opportunity to work in a bipartisan basis to adopt long overdue solutions to these most pressing problems.

Thank you for your consideration of our requests. We stand ready to make the upcoming special session as productive as possible by solving problems that will keep our families and communities safe, provide a health care system New Mexicans deserve and need, and protecting vulnerable children across our state.

Sincerely,



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House Republican Leader



Alan T. Martinez
House Republican Whip



William E. Sharer
Senate Republican Leader



Pat Woods
Senate Republican Whip

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