

State of New Mexico
House of Representatives
STATE CAPITOL
Santa Fe

October 27, 2026

The Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor, State of New Mexico
State Capitol, Room 400
490 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Governor:

As members of the Republican Caucus in the New Mexico House of Representatives, we would like to thank you for your commitment to ensure all New Mexico communities impacted by recent flooding will receive whatever assistance they may need. In addition, we look forward to working with your office, the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the New Mexico Department of Transportation, all other relevant state departments, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to facilitate the release of both state and federal emergency aid as quickly as possible. In short, the recent rains across the state, especially the heavy downpours which have impacted San Juan, Curry and Bernalillo Counties, require a coordinated effort throughout state government to help guarantee these affected communities recover as quickly as possible.

We also encourage your office and the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to communicate non-stop with local government officials in these impacted communities to ensure decisionmakers are well-informed of the emergency financial assistance available, the requirements which must be met to receive this financial aid, what documentation and other information is needed to help secure federal help, and whether local governments are required to provide any matching dollars to secure state and federal emergency funding. Since flooding of this magnitude is rare in our state, local government officials may have limited experience in conducting required damage assessments, how to coordinate flood mitigation efforts with state and federal agencies, and what type of emergency assistance should be prioritized to ensure immediate help is provided to their communities. Therefore, your office and relevant state departments must ensure lines of communication with local government officials are always open to help ensure emergency flooding assistance is provided in a timely and expeditious manner.

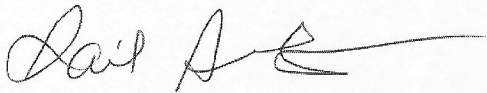
It is also essential for your office and various state departments to realize that each impacted community may have unique needs regarding what type of financial assistance and flood recovery efforts are required. Thus, the concerns and local knowledge that these

local government officials possess about the problems facing their communities should be respected and a "cookie-cutter" approach of providing needed flood-related assistance to every community the exact same way should be rejected.

In addition to the financial and other assistance that is so badly needed to help families who have been evacuated as well as those whose homes and businesses which have been damaged or destroyed by the flooding, we are also hearing from local government officials that they need assistance in addressing major infrastructure damage (such as needed repairs to drinking water and waste water systems, fixing washed-out roads and damaged bridges, and repairing damaged culverts and other water drainage systems.) Determining future supplemental funding needs to address these damages should be a joint legislative and executive decision based on consultations between the governor's office and bipartisan legislative leadership. Those consultations should also include the expertise of state and local emergency management personnel and infrastructure experts. In any event, we stand ready to share our thoughts and ideas when those discussions take place on how best to address future funding needs.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to assist our state in these most trying times and for giving our concerns your full consideration. In addition, please do not hesitate to contact any of us if we can help improve the delivery of financial and other needed assistance to all flood-impacted communities within our legislative districts.

Sincerely,



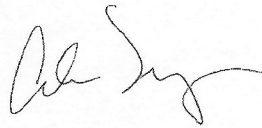
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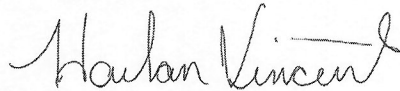
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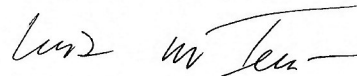
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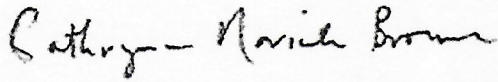
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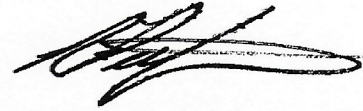
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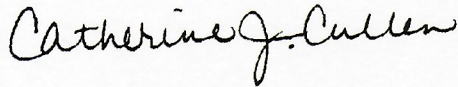
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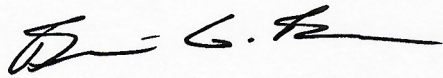
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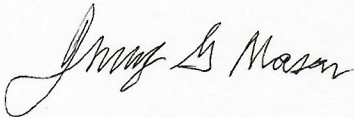
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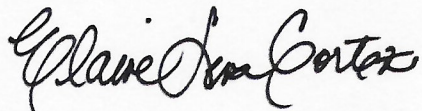
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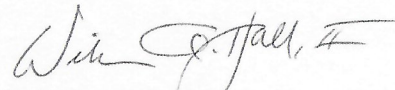
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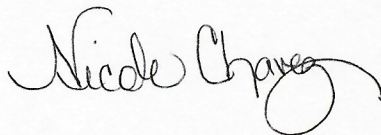
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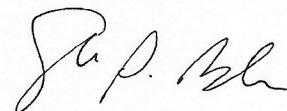
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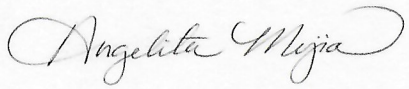
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