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SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 56

The Honorable Mary Kay Papen, President Pro Tempore and
Members of the New Mexico State Senate
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Honorable President Pro Tempore Papen and Members of the Senate:

Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of New Mexico, Article IV, Section 22, I hereby VETO and return SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 96, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Third Legislature, First Session, 2017.

Senate Bill 96 attempts to address money in politics by changing reporting requirements for participants in the political process during an election cycle. While I support efforts to make our political process more transparent, the broad language in the bill could lead to unintended consequences that would force groups like charities to disclose the names and addresses of their contributors in certain circumstances. The requirements in this bill would likely discourage charities and other groups that are primarily non-political from advocating for their cause and could also discourage individuals from giving to charities.

For these reasons, I hereby veto Senate Bill 96.

Respectfully yours,

Susana Martinez
Governor

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