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SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 61

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 BILL 175, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Third Legislature, First Session, 2017.

I have long recognized the importance of love and support in every child's life. I also recognize that the first months of any child's life are essential to their health and development. However, I cannot support a bill with as many uncertainties as SB 175. It is unknown the degree to which Medicaid would refuse to pay for uncovered services. Under our state's current budget crisis, it would be extremely difficult to expand such programs to serve the entire state and for Medicaid to absorb the burden that this bill would create.

For these reasons, I hereby veto SB 175.

Respectfully yours,

Susana Martinez  
Governor

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Chief Clerk of the Senate