

March 16, 2017

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 19

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:

The Constitution of the State of New Mexico, Article IX, Section 8, requires the Legislature of the State of New Mexico to pass a balanced budget. Despite repeatedly declaring that we are in a “constitutional budget crisis,” the Senate and House Democrats continue to fail to negotiate a balanced budget that adequately funds the essential services provided by the State of New Mexico. Furthermore, they continue to insist on balancing the budget by placing an undue burden on the backs of hard-working New Mexican families by increasing taxes.

Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of New Mexico, Article IV, Section 22, I have vetoed and returned Senate Bills 6, 67, 134, 24, 184, 356, 222, and 64 via Senate Executive Messages 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18, respectively. As you know, I have vetoed each of these afore enumerated bills on the grounds that they are not necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this great state. I agree with the Legislature; the depression of the oil and gas industry has resulted in a dire economic situation. Yet, despite this crisis, the Legislature has failed to send the budget to my desk. Additionally, the Senate has claimed that support for our universities is critical, yet it refuses to fulfill its constitutional role of confirming regent nominees. Until the Legislature sees fit to fulfill its constitutional obligations, including hearings, I will continue to veto legislation that is not necessary for the wellbeing of this state and its citizens.

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Respectfully yours,

Susana Martinez

Governor

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Secretary of State

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk of the Senate