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HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 42

The Honorable Brian Egolf, Jr., Speaker of the House and
Members of the House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Honorable Speaker Egolf and Members of the House:

Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of New Mexico, Article IV, Section 22, I hereby VETO and return HOUSE BILL 442, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Third Legislature, First Session, 2017.

House Bill 442 would raise the minimum wage from the current \$7.50 to \$9.25—an increase of over 23%—and prohibits local ordinances that require advanced notice for employee scheduling. Members of the New Mexico business community traveled from all over the state to express concern to legislators about the large proposed increase and the prohibition on local policies, which they argued does not go far enough in protecting their rights as business owners. The business community's concerns were ultimately not addressed.

At the same time the Legislature voted to raise \$350 million in new taxes on businesses and families, including increasing taxes on a tank of gas, they cannot expect New Mexico's future to be brighter. It would make more sense to fully fund and make permanent the Job Training Incentive Program, which trains workers for jobs that pay, on average, well above \$11 an hour.

Our small businesses are the backbone of our state's economy, and those businesses, especially those in rural areas, cannot sustain the changes this bill puts forth.

For these reasons, I hereby veto House Bill 442.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SMartinez".

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