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HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 31

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

Honorable Brian 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 AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 459, enacted by the Fifty-Third Legislature, First Session, 2017.

House Bill 459 allows for livestock producers to "opt-out" of a fee that is not always being collected now. The opt-out procedure identified in the bill is a burdensome process for those producers that are not able or willing to pay the assessment. The guidelines identified in the bill present a complicated opt-out process that is essentially a tax increase on livestock business in the state.

For these reasons, I hereby veto House Bill 459.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susana Martinez".

Susana Martinez
Governor

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Time: 9:11 a.m. p.m.
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By *Anna Durbin*
Secretary of State

Time: 11:53 a.m. p.m.
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By *Jan M. Ortiz McCutcheon*
Chief Clerk of the House