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

This bill requires that a Maternal Morbidity Committee be convened at the Department of Health to study the causes of, and to prevent, maternal morbidity. As I've said many times, initiatives like these are very well intentioned, and while I am sympathetic to their causes, legislation mandating them is unnecessary. In this case, nothing currently prohibits the parties mentioned in the bill from voluntarily organizing to study this issue.

For this reason, I veto Senate Bill 137.

Respectfully yours,

Susana Martinez
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By Jennifer for Chief Clerk
Chief Clerk of the Senate