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Susana Martinez  
*Governor*

April 6, 2017

## SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 29

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

Tourism in our state is flourishing, and the prevalence of short-term property rentals helps bring more and more people to see what New Mexico has to offer.

When traditional hospitality establishments are booked solid, or when someone wants a different experience than what a conventional establishment may provide, that person has the option to rent a room, cabin, casita, or other property from a private owner. Current law provides an exemption for certain individuals who rent out these properties on a short-term basis. Signing this bill would remove this exemption.

For this reason, I veto Senate Bill 254.

Respectfully yours,

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

Susana Martinez  
Governor

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Time: 10:13 (a.m.) p.m.  
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By For Anna  
Secretary of State

Time: 11:25 (a.m.) p.m.  
Date: 4-6, 2017

By Jay Mai for Chief Clerk  
Chief Clerk of the Senate