April 9, 2021

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 18

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

Dear Speaker Egolf and Members of the House:

I have decided to veto House Bill 196, as amended with certificate of correction ("HB 196"), which would have amended the Regional Housing Law to remove much of the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority's oversight over regional housing authorities, which are responsible for providing housing services in rural areas of the state. Although the Department of Housing and Urban Development would continue to provide some level of oversight, the Mortgage Finance Authority is in the best position to monitor regional housing authorities. I do not believe it would be prudent to remove such an important safeguard at this time.

For these reasons, and pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed HOUSE BILL 196, as amended with certificate of correction, enacted by the Fifty-Fifth Legislature, First Session.

Respectfully yours,					
Michelle Lujan Grisham Governor					
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