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Susana Martinez Governor

April 6, 2017

## SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 49

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 39, enacted by the Fifty-Third Legislature, First Session, 2017.

I support school choice as a means for parents to ensure the quality of their children's state-provided education, and charter schools have become instrumental in providing parents with options. Senate Bill 39 would decimate charter funding through its elimination of growth units—funding formula dollars awarded to charters that experience enrollment increases of greater than one percent from one year to the next. Charters must not be penalized for the growth we've encouraged if we hope to continue to offer school options as varied as the students who attend them.

Respectfully yours,

Susana Martinez

Governor

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Time: 7:43 a.m. p.m.

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