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Susana Martinez  
Governor

April 6, 2017

## SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 50

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

The safety of all New Mexicans has always been among my highest priorities. Throughout my tenure as Governor, I have equipped our law enforcement officers with the tools necessary to ensure that our public is kept safe and secure. SB 61 would burden law enforcement officials with increased reporting requirements that would effectively slow down the law enforcement process and would create significant problems for law enforcement's ability to preserve important information related to investigations. Furthermore, the United States Constitution already protects against warrantless searches of electronic communications by government officials.

For these reasons, I hereby veto Senate Bill 61.

Respectfully yours,

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

Susana Martinez  
Governor

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Time: 7:10 a.m. (p.m.)  
Date: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 By Anna C. C. [Signature]  
BY Secretary of State

Time: 7:42 a.m. (p.m.)  
Date: 4-6, 2017 By [Signature]  
Chief Clerk of the Senate