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SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 59

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

Ensuring that each child has all of the tools they need to succeed has been a priority of my administration. I fully support the work of the State Early Learning Advisory Council (“ELAC”) of supporting children in the most formative years of their lives. Unfortunately, Senate Bill 206 uses the ELAC as a front for clear legislative overreach—removing a business and community leader from the ELAC in favor of greater legislative control.

For these reasons, I am vetoing SB 206. However, I am committed to ensuring the continuance of the ELAC under the authority granted to the Governor by, and in accordance with, federal law.

Respectfully yours,

Susana Martinez
Governor

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