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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 CONSERVATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 378, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Third Legislature, First Session, 2017.

Senate Bill 378 allows for livestock producers to "opt-out" of a fee that is not always collected now. The opt-out procedure identified in the bill is a burdensome process for those producers that are not able or willing to pay the assessment. The guidelines identified in the bill present a complicated opt-out process that is essentially a tax increase on livestock business in the state.

For these reasons, I hereby veto Senate Bill 378.

Respectfully yours,

Susana Martinez  
Governor

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Time: 11:27 a.m. p.m.  
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By Jerry Mai for Chief Clerk  
Chief Clerk of the Senate