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SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 87

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 67, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Third Legislature, Second Session, 2018.

As Governor, I have fought hard to make state government transparent. During my administration, I have signed legislation to streamline and expand information available on our state's Sunshine Portal and asked to make legislative hearings subject to webcasting. I believe that all elected officials should be transparent and accountable to the people of New Mexico—not special interests and lobbyists.

However, I cannot support SB 67 in its current form. The categories of spending enumerated in this bill are vague and achieve little in informing the public. Furthermore, this bill is a mere carve out for legislators because lobbyists are still not required to disclose on whom they are spending this money. Legislators ought to hold themselves accountable by providing full disclosure of all benefits received from lobbyists and by making their e-mail messages subject to the Inspection of Public Records Act.

For these reasons, I hereby veto SB 67.

Respectfully yours,

Susana Martinez
Governor

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