

February 28, 2018

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 82

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 176, enacted by the Fifty-Third Legislature, Second Session, 2018.

As Governor, I have worked hard to improve the financial wellbeing of the State of New Mexico through meaningful reforms that attract businesses, create jobs, and diversify our economy. This year, we entered the legislative session projecting an almost 300 million dollar budget surplus. However, the Legislature saw the surplus and chose to squander tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars on pay raises for politicians rather than passing sound fiscal policy and legislation that would benefit New Mexicans and support a healthy statewide economy.

For these reasons I hereby veto Senate Bill 176.

Respectfully yours,

Susana Martinez
Governor

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