

April 6, 2001

**SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 87**

The Honorable Richard Romero and  
Members of the Senate  
Executive-Legislative Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I have this day VETOED and am returning SENATE BILL 480 enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill would require the Human Services Department to identify federal matching funds in a number of other departments in state government and assist those departments in maximizing those funds. Clearly, it is the goal of all executive departments to best utilize federal funds when available. However, the decision to use federal funds must be left to the agency due to the requirements associated with receiving some federal funds which must be taken into account. Such a legislative mandate limits the ability of the executive to make good decisions.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Johnson  
Governor

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