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**SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 49**

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**URGING THE REESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL FUNDING AND SUPPORT TO  
HELP MITIGATE THE NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS CAUSED BY  
DOWNSIZING AT LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY AND HELP BUILD A  
DIVERSE, SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY IN NORTH CENTRAL NEW MEXICO.**

**WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory was established  
over sixty-three years ago; and**

**WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory's budget of more  
than two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) represents a  
significant regional economic engine; and**

**WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory's total workforce  
of approximately fifteen thousand makes it the largest  
employer in northern New Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory provides  
employment for New Mexicans from many counties, including Los**

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1 Alamos, Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, Bernalillo and Taos  
2 counties; and

3 WHEREAS, the federal government "rebid" the contract for  
4 management and operation of the Los Alamos national  
5 laboratory, and the new contract took effect on June 1, 2006;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the new contract caused a change in the taxable  
8 status of Los Alamos national laboratory's operations; and

9 WHEREAS, the change in tax status has had enormous fiscal  
10 impact on Los Alamos national laboratory, including a budget  
11 deficit, reductions in workforce and other changes that have  
12 adversely impacted the people and economy of north central New  
13 Mexico; and

14 WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory's new taxable  
15 status requires that it pay approximately forty million  
16 dollars (\$40,000,000) to Los Alamos county and fifty million  
17 dollars (\$50,000,000) to the state of New Mexico in gross  
18 receipts taxes; and

19 WHEREAS, the federal government established a precedent  
20 of providing assistance in 1995 when it provided a grant to  
21 help mitigate the regional economic impacts due to downsizing  
22 of Los Alamos national laboratory in 1994-1995;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico's congressional delegation  
25 and the entire United States congress be urged to reestablish

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1 the federal funding and support that existed in order to help  
2 mitigate the negative economic impacts caused by Los Alamos  
3 national laboratory downsizing and to help build a diverse,  
4 sustainable economy in north central New Mexico; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
6 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation.

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