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SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson's office today issued the following statement regarding the tentative contract agreement reached between the State and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME):

The Governor is pleased to have reached a tentative agreement that is fiscally responsible and recognizes the important contributions of state employees. The agreement provides reasonable wage increases, and the Governor has also pledged to support an increase in benefits to address the health care concerns of state employees and their families.