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Governor Bill Richardson Calls for Rejection of NMSU Liquor License Application

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today directed the state Regulation and Licensing Department to reject an application expected to be filed by New Mexico State University for a liquor license at the Pan Am Center to provide alcohol sales during university athletic events.

“I am disappointed with the decision by the Board of Regents to move forward with an application for a liquor license,” Governor Richardson said. “Allowing alcohol sales at family-oriented events featuring student athletes sends the wrong message to the public at a time when we are fighting what sometimes seems like an uphill battle against drunk driving.

“I expressed my concern about NMSU’s pilot project to sell alcohol during basketball games,” Governor Richardson said.

If NMSU proceeds with its application for a liquor license the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the state Regulations and Licensing Department, as well as Dona Ana County, will hold public hearings on the license.

“I urge residents from across the state to join me in opposing this license application.”

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