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## **Governor Richardson Issue Statement on Agreement to Advance Valle Vidal Bill**

SANTA FE, NM -- Governor Bill Richardson released the following statement today concerning the agreement between U.S. Senators Jeff Bingaman and Pete Domenici that they will work to gain Senate passage this year of the Valle Vidal Protection Act (HR.3817).

“I am pleased that this important bill can now move forward, but I am concerned that there might not be enough time left to get it through the Senate. The Valle Vidal deserves this protection today, but it also deserved this protection months ago when Senator Bingaman and Congressman Udall first introduced their legislation. I sincerely hope that the long months this bill has sat in the Senate Energy Committee won’t mean that the clock will run out before this important bill passes.”

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