State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 26

The Honorable Brian Egolf, Jr., Speaker of the House and
Members of the House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Honorable Speaker Egolf and Members of the House:

Pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed HOUSE COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 610 ("HB 610"), enacted by the Fifty-Fourth Legislature, First Session, 2019.

HB 610 is a well-intentioned effort to promote opportunities for women in the oil and gas industry, a concept I endorse. However, HB 610 does not allocate any funding to the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department ("EMNRD") or the Workforce Solutions Department ("WSD") to create the programming and engage in the data collection and analysis required by the bill. Without the requisite funding for this initiative, EMNRD and WSD would not have the resources necessary to achieve the goals of HB 610 and fulfill their other obligations. Accordingly, I have vetoed HB 610.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor