

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham

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490 Old Santa Fe Trail Room 400

Santa Fe, NM 87305

Dear Governor,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter tonight. The news this evening reported that 1 in every 74 people in McKinley County have now contracted the deadly Covid 19 virus. Just today, I learned of that yet another nursing home facility in Gallup has now had both patients and staff diagnosed as positive for having the disease.

Today the Mayor of Gallup sent a letter to you requesting drastic measures be taken to help our community. You and your team have worked diligently with the leadership from the Navajo Nation, Zuni Pueblo, City of Gallup, our local Representatives, Senators and, McKinley County seeking solutions and taking the best steps possible. I want you to know that I personally support these coordinated efforts and the request made by our Mayor.

Over the past three days difficult discussions in trying times have led us to take these steps. The days ahead will not be easy and, I keep those who will be on the front lines protecting us in my prayers. I pray not only for their safety but that the citizens will extend grace, courtesy and, respect for the job they will be performing.

Governor, I know in the past we have battled with spirit on different pieces of legislation. We have sometimes been in step, other times we have been at odds. In light of the new world we all now face these battles seem somewhat trivial. I also lift you, your family and, your entire staff in prayer. I encourage you to read Teddy Roosevelt's Man in the Arena "...there is no effort without error or shortcoming; But who...at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly..."

Thank you for your service to New Mexico. Stay safe and God's speed.

Sincerely

Bill Lee

McKinley County Commissioner District 3