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HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 17

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

Dear Speaker Egolf and Members of the House:

I have decided to veto House Bill 103, as amended ("HB 103"), which would have greatly increased fees in the Utility Operator Certification Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 61-33-1 to -10 (2005), for certification testing, various application reviews, and certification examinations. Drinking water and wastewater utility operators provide a vital service to all New Mexicans. It is therefore unreasonable to require operators pay these application fees.

For these reasons, and pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed HOUSE BILL 103, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Fifth Legislature, First Session.

Respectfully yours,

*Michelle Lujan Grisham*  
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