



A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO RESTORE FEDERAL ENTITLEMENT BENEFITS

Resolution R-09-23

WHEREAS, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, Part 435.1009 states that federal financial participation (FFP) is not available for expenditures for services provided to individuals who are inmates of public institutions; and

WHEREAS, States cannot afford to pay for medical services for person being held in county jails and detention facilities who have lost their eligibility for federal benefits; and

WHEREAS, the cessation of federal benefits occurs prior to the issuance of formal charges or conviction; and

WHEREAS, counties must provide medical services to all persons incarcerated in local jails and detention facilities even prior to issuance of formal charges or convictions; and

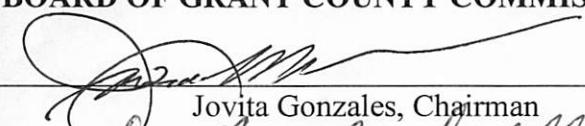
WHEREAS, as the result of the federal regulation which terminates FFP for medical benefits for persons being held in county jails and detention facilities, all costs of medical care must be borne solely by counties.

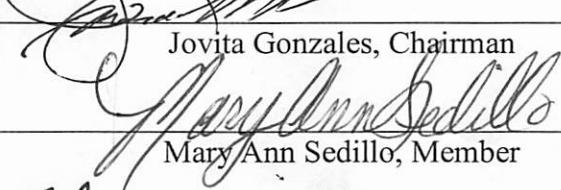
NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Grant County Commissioners hereby requests and strongly urges Congress to amend necessary federal regulations to allow federal financial participation for medical benefits to incarcerated individuals until convicted and sentenced to secure detention.

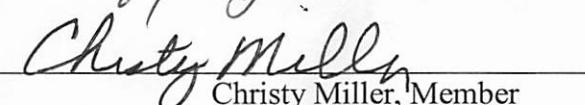
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Grant County Commissioners urge the New Mexico Congressional Delegation to co-sponsor HR 5698.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 25TH DAY OF JUNE, 2009.

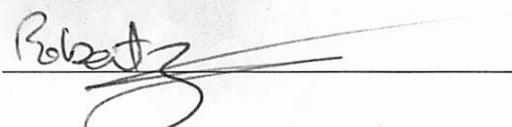
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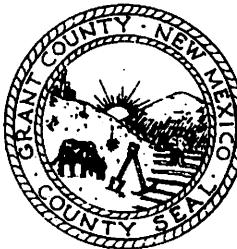
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July 6, 2009

Tom Udall
U.S. Senator
505 S. Main Street, Suite 118
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Dear Senator Udall:

On June 25, 2009, the Board of Grant County Commissioners held a regular meeting. A resolution in support of Federal Legislation to restore federal entitlement benefits was presented and approved that same day. The Commission requested that our Congressional Delegates receive a copy of this resolution. This document is for your information. If you or your staff has any questions, please contact the Grant County Manager's Office.

On behalf of the Board of Grant County Commissioners and the County Manager, thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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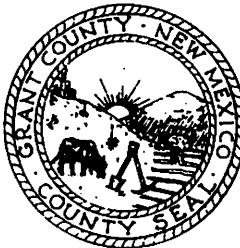
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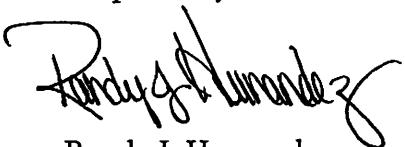
Jeff Bingaman
U.S. Senator
148 Loretto Towne Ctr., 505 S. Main
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Dear Senator Bingaman:

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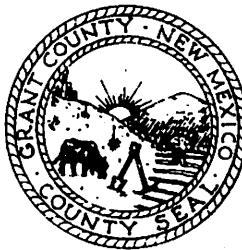
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Harry Teague
U.S. Representative
135 W. Griggs
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Dear Representative Teague:

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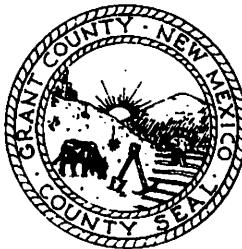
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New Mexico Association of Counties

Paul Gutierrez, Executive Director

613 Old Santa Fe Trail

Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Mr. Gutierrez:

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