



Dear Friends, Neighbors, and my fellow Democrats,

It has been the honor of a lifetime to represent New Mexico in the United States Senate. The values that define our state: community, resilience, and looking out for one another. These principles guide me every day. And right now, those values and the rights we believe in are under attack.

Our country is at a crossroads. Donald Trump and his allies have chosen division, fear, and policies that hurt hardworking New Mexican families while rewarding billionaires like Elon Musk and special interests. They want Americans to turn on one another instead of standing together. They have tried to gut SNAP, slash Medicaid, weaken Social Security, raise costs through reckless tariffs, and undermine the programs families rely on just to get by.

That is not who we are in New Mexico.

Here, we don't villainize our neighbors or force people into the shadows. We don't turn our backs on families struggling to put food on the table or seniors who depend on health care. When times get tough, we come together. And together we send a message to those in Washington trying to divide us: not here, not today, and not in New Mexico.

I have been proud to stand up to Donald Trump's reckless agenda and fight for New Mexico families. Voting no when Republicans tried to tear down our health care system, cut food security programs that so many of our children and seniors rely on, and push policies that would have hurt our economy and our future. At the same time, we have delivered real results for our state, expanding broadband to rural and Tribal communities, strengthening our national laboratories, and creating jobs through clean energy and infrastructure investments that move New Mexico forward.

I'm sorry I cannot be with you today. The ongoing shutdown threats and continued attacks on New Mexico have me in Washington doing the work you sent me there to do. But together, we have more to accomplish. Together, we have Democrats up and down the ballot to elect, voters to reach, and a future to win.

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to seeing you on the campaign trail soon.

Sincerely,  
Ben Ray Luján

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