



Hello, fellow Democrats.

Thank you all for being here today. I'm sorry I can't be with you in person, but please know I'm grateful for the opportunity to be with you in spirit.

I'd also like to thank the leadership of the Grant County Democratic Party for allowing me to share this message with you.

It is truly an honor to serve as your New Mexico State Auditor. When I first asked for your trust, I made a clear promise: that my office would be a champion for integrity and transparency, and that we would deliver real, measurable results for the people of New Mexico.

I promised that under my leadership, the Office of the State Auditor would be proactive in preventing fraud, waste, and abuse — not just reacting after the damage was done.

I kept that promise.

To date, my office has:

- Launched special audits into troubled agencies, leading to new laws and changes in leadership
- Tracked down **\$2.7 million** in missing wildfire relief funds
- Investigated misuse of **\$4.8 million** in public contract funds
- Exposed excessive overseas travel by government officials and put new, cost-saving travel rules in place
- Made sure Opioid Settlement Funds are spent the right way and for their intended purpose
- Protected FEMA reimbursements so communities have the money they need to rebuild after disasters
- Begun using **AI tools** across the office to work more efficiently and better serve New Mexicans

My office also pushed for legislation to turn executive policy into law, strengthening accountability for how capital outlay funds are used.

We created a fast-track assistance program to help small, local public bodies meet financial rules. With **\$2.5 million** in state funding, our office cut through red tape and unlocked **\$10.7 million** in unused capital outlay funding. This money went back into our communities and put New Mexicans to work.

From day one, my mission has been simple: make government work better for the people it serves.

New challenges lie ahead. As New Mexico faces growing fiscal and ethical demands, the State Auditor's Office must continue to evolve. That means modern systems, smarter oversight, and a laser focus on protecting every taxpayer dollar.

Key priorities moving forward include:

- Creating a simpler, more efficient audit system to make financial reporting easier
- Updating the Audit Act, which hasn't been revised since 2011
- Working closely with law enforcement and prosecutors to hold white-collar criminals accountable
- Ensuring auditor pay is competitive so the state can attract and keep top talent
- Reforming the accounting and auditing profession while rebuilding a strong pipeline of local accounting professionals

As your State Auditor, I'll continue to safeguard every single taxpayer dollar with purpose and care.

I respectfully ask for your support in my re-election this November.

Thank you.