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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

February 14, 2019

Constituents of District Eight
Counties of Colfax, Guadalupe,
Harding, Mora, Quay, San Miguel, Taos



Dear Constituents:

I enjoy solving problems! Careful thought, genuine input, review of the situation, and consideration of benefits and consequences of the potential decisions are all part of smart choices that can change lives in positive ways. Once a decision is agreed upon and made, monitoring and documentation of the outcomes – both anticipated and unexpected – are analyzed, and adjustments are made to create a better result, then satisfaction of a job well done can be celebrated!

It takes love of people, appreciation of our animals and environment, patience and unselfish sharing of expertise, and paying-it-forward to remove most obstacles in our lives and still accept what we cannot change. As we process the events of daily activity, it is important to listen to the opinions and stories of others, their reaction to what affects them, and share our own experiences with them to solve what sometimes just requires a simple and encouraging conversation.

That leads me to talk about some of the key issues people have so far shared with me for the 2019 60-day legislative session. Better and more affordable access to health care and treatment of addictions, increased teacher and public employee compensation, protection of public pensions, an increase in the state equalization guarantee (SEG) that provides most of the funding for public schools, a comprehensive plan and more funding for early childhood education and family support services like home visiting, a business and government friendly state with employees being trained to effectively respond to customers, a better trained and skilled work force to meet the employment needs of home grown companies and those businesses considering locating in New Mexico, and good paying jobs so employees do not have to work two jobs just to make basic ends meet.

To solve a problem, it takes the input of many people! Each person brings valuable personal experiences to contribute to a solution. I listen carefully to what people say and seek ways to support their efforts to improve their life's journey. A healthy person, is a happy person, ready and eager to learn, report to work, and fulfill their job responsibilities to the best of their ability.

To those dealing with health issues and disabilities, keep your faith strong, maintain a strong will to live, and keep your family close to you. It will help during those painful times. If you are a caregiver, know that love and strength come in abundance from those you serve.

Siempre,

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