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Honorable Constituents,

We have weathered much during the past several years, from the coronavirus pandemic, drought, wildfires and floods to rising interest rates, inflation and an inevitable recession. It seems as if we cannot catch a break! These events have generated news stories, added stress in our lives, affected our mental and physical health, and strained our health care, education, public safety, energy, environment and economic structure.

We are resilient! We are now preparing for the upcoming 60-day legislative session. We have been working diligently during the interim to reach out to community members and listen to their testimony regarding many important matters, such as how to best use the increase in our state revenues and how to implement a more uniform tax system that returns more hard-earned dollars to middle and low-income families. We will be carefully reviewing state agency budget requests and considering legislation to address issues that have affected Medicaid, addictions and recovery, education, small businesses, watersheds, dams, acequias, clean water, roads, forests and public infrastructure, among other community needs.

We will also be hoping for approval from congress that will allow us to utilize state resources from the permanent fund to expand early childhood education and services throughout New Mexico, as this ballot measure was approved by you, the voters, in November's election. While our task may seem daunting, I am fully confident we will plan, design, fund and implement positive changes to our state budget and capital outlay strategies that will address the environmental and economic devastation we have encountered; bring our children back up to their grade level of learning; and improve our hospitals, health care delivery, recruitment of doctors and patient access.

To apply for capital outlay, go to <https://www.nmlegis.gov/CapitalOutlayWeb/Default> and submit your request by **3:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2023**. Additionally, if you have recommendations that would help us improve our state, please contact me at your convenience. I will make every effort to consider and incorporate your suggestions.

Siempre,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Campos", enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

Pete Campos, EdD