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Dear Friend,

For the past 80 years, Democrats have had a stranglehold on power in New Mexico's state legislature.

In fact, <u>Democrats have controlled the State House of</u> Representatives for the past 55 consecutive years.

Think about that. The last time Democrats didn't control the House of Representatives in New Mexico:

- * Dwight D. Eisenhower was President
- * Ronald Reagan was a film actor who had never run for public office
- * Alaska and Hawaii weren't even states yet

Come to think of it, I wasn't even alive the last time Republicans controlled the New Mexico House.

I am determined to change that. We have an opportunity to make history in New Mexico this year.

Republicans are poised to win control of the New Mexico House of Representatives this year.

I am determined to make that happen and that's why I formed Susana-PAC. Can I count on your help?

Your contribution to Susana-PAC today of \$1,500, \$1,000, \$750, \$500 or \$250 will go directly toward helping elect Republican representatives in key target districts.

How close are we? Right now, the partisan split of the New Mexico House of Representatives is close:

- * 36 Democrats
- * 33 Republicans
- * 1 Independent

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This is the closest Republicans have been in decades.

But thanks to redistricting, New Mexico Republicans are even closer to our goal.

Redistricting has provided Republicans with more winnable districts. Under the new legislative map, there are 39 House Districts that voted for George W. Bush in 2004.

That's 39 districts that, in a razor-thin election, went for the Republican president.

That's 39 districts Republicans can win this year.

We only need 36 to secure the majority and take back the House.

We are so close. Your support is key to pushing Republicans over the top. Please send your contribution of \$1,500, \$1,000, \$750, \$500 or \$250 today so that we can start reaching voters in targeted districts now.

Like I said, the legislative map is competitive for Republicans. But that's not all.

Conservative, common sense New Mexico values are winning the day in the battle of messages.

Liberal, big government policies are being soundly rejected by voters -- even Democrats.

In this month's primaries, liberal groups bankrolled a number of handpicked candidates to try to defeat moderate

Democrats who put New Mexico first and worked with us on certain reform initiatives.

These liberal groups thought they could sweep in and seize power by attacking moderate Democrats for rejecting partisanship in favor of results.

But a funny thing happened. New Mexico Democrats voted in their primaries and defeated these liberal groups and their radical candidates. Instead, they voted for the moderates who ran on a message of reform. Well, if a reform messages worked in Democrat primaries in Santa Fe, just think of what we can do in the targeted swing districts where control of the House of Representatives will be decided.

We need to start now. Your contribution of \$1,500, \$1,000, \$750, \$500 or \$250 will go directly to supporting Republican candidates in these key target districts.

Taking back the House of Representatives for the first time in 55 years is vital to the success of the reform agenda you and I have fought so hard for.

We've had some big wins so far:

- * We closed the largest structural deficit in state history without raising taxes
- * We passed real tax reform, cut regulatory red tape and made job creation a priority
- * We immediately ended the statewide "sanctuary" policies that protected illegal immigrants who committed crimes
- * We passed education reform, including A-F grading for schools and are enacting teacher evaluations based on student progress

But more liberal Democrats are using their control of the state legislature to block other vital reforms.

That includes blocking legislation that would repeal the law that makes New Mexico one of only two states to give driver's licenses to illegal immigrants.

New Mexico's driver's license law is wrong and dangerous. I don't need to tell you that.

Most New Mexicans agree with us that illegal immigrants should not be allowed to get a New Mexico driver's license.

Support for repeal is universal among Republicans. A majority of Democrat voters and a significant number of Democrat legislators also support repeal.

The only thing standing in the way of repeal is Democrat control in the legislature. The liberal Democrat leadership in Santa Fe is blocking legislation to repeal driver's licenses for illegal immigrants and preventing it from coming up for a vote.

Liberal Democrat leadership is putting the big labor agenda in front of our children's future by blocking education reform.

One of my highest education priorities is putting an end to the practice of "social promotion" that passes students from one grade to the next based on their age, regardless of whether or not they have learned the basic skills they need to advance.

This basic reform is common-sense. And like repealing the driver's license law, it has broad support throughout the state.

The only way to pass these and other reforms is to put an end to the liberal dominance in the state legislature.

We have a historic opportunity. Please help us win control of the New Mexico House of Representatives by sending in your contribution of \$1,500, \$1,000, \$750, \$500 or \$250 to help Republican candidates in targeted districts today.

Let's make some history. Join me and let's take back New Mexico.

Sincerely,



Susana Martinez
Governor of New Mexico

- P.S. New Mexico Republicans may never have a chance like this again. We can take back control of the New Mexico House of Representatives for the first time in 55 years. Please help us make history by sending in your contribution of \$1,500, \$1,000, \$750, \$500 or \$250 today.
- P.P.S. Your contribution will go to supporting Republican candidates in the targeted swing districts that will determine control of the New Mexico House. This is our best opportunity in 2012 to forward our conservative reform agenda.