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The Honorable Ben Lujan  
Speaker of the New Mexico House of Representatives  
Co-Chair, New Mexico Legislative Council  
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Santa Fe, NM 87506

The Honorable Timothy Z. Jennings  
President Pro Tempore of the New Mexico Senate  
Co-Chair, New Mexico Legislative Council  
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Dear Speaker Lujan and President Pro Tempore Jennings:

I appreciate and applaud the New Mexico Legislative Council's decision to hold more interim committee meetings in the State Capitol in an effort to save the state money. The fiscal crisis the state faces requires changes in all branches of government, and I am glad the legislative branch is doing its part.

As you know, however, a consequence of this decision is that it will be more difficult for many members of the public to attend interim committee meetings. Fortunately, we have two low-cost opportunities to make it easier for New Mexicans who live far from Santa Fe to follow the important work of our interim committees.

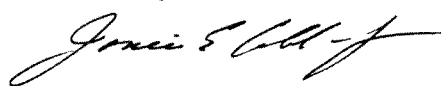
The New Mexico Computer Applications Center's video conferencing system is ideally suited to link New Mexicans with legislators who are meeting at the State Capitol, either through one of the 20 "gateway" centers around the state or through the legislature's own web site. I'm certain that the New Mexico Computer Applications Center is prepared to accommodate our requests to connect New Mexicans to our interim committee meetings.

In addition or as an alternative, the legislature itself could use its existing webcasting equipment to provide a live audio and video stream of interim committee meetings to anyone with internet access. I'm confident that legislative staff could temporarily reconfigure our existing equipment to provide a high-quality stream.

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I strongly urge the council to direct the Legislative Council Service to pursue both of these avenues and implement one or both with the goal of providing access to as many interim committee meetings as possible in the most cost-effective manner. It is more important than ever that we make every effort to ensure that New Mexicans have every opportunity to follow the work of our interim committees.

Sincerely,



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cc: Members of the New Mexico Legislative Council  
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