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-Executive Committee
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The Honorable Donald E. Bratton
New Mexico State Representative
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Dear Representatives:

Because of the seriousness of the allegations facing the public regulation commissioner from District 3, I want you and the other leaders of the house of representatives to know that when we convene in special session on September 6, I intend to appoint a subcommittee of the House Rules and Order of Business Committee to investigate and make recommendations on whether the house should consider impeachment proceedings against the commissioner. It is my intention that the subcommittee consist of an equal number of members of the majority and minority parties, be co-chaired by a member from the majority party and a member from the minority party and have the authority to retain special counsel as necessary.

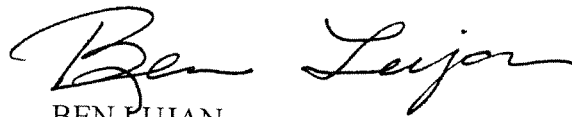
While I expect that the subcommittee will work expeditiously within the constraints imposed by the numerous other, equally contentious issues that the legislature will be considering during the special session, I will ask the New Mexico Legislative Council to give the subcommittee authority to meet in the interim if necessary.

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As you know, I do not have the authority to appoint such a subcommittee before the house is convened; in fact, as a formality, I will entertain a motion to this effect from the majority floor leader, and I hope that the motion will be approved without objection. I am also asking the two floor leaders to provide me with names for my consideration of appointees to the subcommittee before we convene.

I am confident that each of us appreciates the gravity of this action, and I expect that the house of representatives will approach this matter with the same dignity and responsibility that it has in the past when facing similar issues.

Sincerely,


BEN LUJAN

cc: All House Members
Steve Arias, House Chief Clerk

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