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HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 16

The Honorable Brian Egolf, Jr., Speaker of the House and
Members of the House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Honorable Speaker Egolf and Members of the House:

I have this day SIGNED HOUSE BILL 122, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Third Legislature, First Session, 2017.

For more than six years now, one of my key priorities has been to make New Mexico a place where our small businesses know they are welcome. That includes our healthcare industry. As a large, rural state, our smaller pharmacies are essential to countless New Mexicans who rely on them for their healthcare needs. As New Mexicans, we understand the challenges of our state's geographic size and why it's important that we make sure that all New Mexicans get essential services that they need, like healthcare.

That's why I've enacted laws to help recruit more nurses in our rural communities, set up rural healthcare phone lines and implemented new pharmacy database reforms that help our doctors keep up with pharmacy histories, to make sure that patients are not overprescribed.

By removing these unnecessary fees on pharmacists, this bill helps small mom and pop pharmacies in all New Mexico communities—large and small—stay in business so that New Mexicans in all corners of the state get the healthcare services they need.

For this reason, I have signed House Bill 122.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SMartinez".

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