



Senator Martin Heinrich
303 Hart Office Building

December 8, 2020

Dear Senator Heinrich,

Our state government did what they could in the November special session to help New Mexicans with CARES Act funds and appropriations from state reserves. However, the need is greater than the state was able to address. The residents, nonprofits, businesses, and governments in New Mexico need meaningful COVID relief now.

While negotiations are underway and a bill is hopefully being drafted, please ensure that the following priorities are included:

- Extend the **Coronavirus Relief Fund** deadline from 12/30/2020 to late next year.
- Provide 100% coverage of **unemployment costs of reimbursing nonprofits** and extend the relief into 2021.
- Treat charitable nonprofits fairly in the **Paycheck Protection Program** by enabling larger nonprofits to participate for the first time and including nonprofits in a second round of PPP loans.
- Extend and expand the **Employee Retention Tax Credit** that expires on 12/31/2020.
- Include the Senate GOP bill's improvements to the **above-the-line charitable deduction** in the COVID relief bill and extend the giving incentive to 2021.

Help nonprofits to be able to continue to provide aid and services to the people of New Mexico. Please use your influence negotiate and enact meaningful COVID relief before the end of the year.

The predictions are that we are facing a dark winter with more illness, deaths, and suffering ahead. Please be a light in the darkness for all New Mexicans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tsiporah Nephesh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tsiporah Nephesh
New Mexico Thrives