



Senator Martin Heinrich
303 Hart Senate Office Building

Senator Ben Ray Luján
B40C Dirksen Senate Office Building

May 21, 2021

Dear Senators Heinrich and Luján,

As the Senate negotiates the infrastructure bills, please remember the critical role of charitable nonprofits in our communities.

Nonprofits are, and will continue to be, the foundation of every community in New Mexico, ministering to the spiritual and cultural well-being of our residents, improving their mental and physical health, upholding community values, and strengthening local economies in partnership with governments and businesses.

The WORK NOW Act (Work Opportunities and Resources to Keep Nonprofit Organizations Well, S. 740 and H.R. 1987) would create a new grant program to help charitable organizations retain their employees, scale their service delivery, and create new job opportunities for unemployed persons to serve within their own communities.

The WORK NOW Act could be transformative for New Mexico communities. Please consider an amendment to allow some of the funds to be spent on technical assistance for nonprofits. The majority of nonprofits in New Mexico are small to mid-sized. Too many don't have the capacity to apply for federal funds, or scale their operations without assistance. Several capacity building organizations and consultants have been talking about the need for a nonprofit infrastructure support network to provide assistance and facilitate collaboration.

I urge your support for the WORK NOW Act and ask that you consider cosponsoring the legislation. To cosponsor, contact Cody Wilming (Sanchez) Cody.Wilming@mail.house.gov or Matt VanDriel (Klobuchar) Matt_VanDriel@klobuchar.senate.gov.

Thank you for your work on behalf of the people of New Mexico.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tsiporah Nephesh". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Tsiporah Nephesh
New Mexico Thrives

Attached: Role of Nonprofits in NM's Economy