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Representative \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

Or Senator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you very much for your service to our state. It is hard work and now more than ever everyone can see we have to work together to save this state. That is why, as your constituent, I am asking you to stand up and help us tell the truth.

As you know during the legislative session there were six bills that were passed into law that are deeply concerning to many New Mexicans on all sides. There have been petitions for referendum filed on HB 7 – Chapter 11, HB 207 – Chapter 29, SB 180 – Chapter 39, SB 397 – Chapter 48, HB 4 – Chapter 84 and SB 13 – Chapter 167.

The people of New Mexico reserved the power to disapprove, suspend and annul any law enacted by the legislature with a few exceptions. You can find this in Article IV Sec. 1 of the New Mexico Constitution. The power to make and designate laws was given to you, the legislature, not the executive branch. The New Mexico Secretary of State has taken it upon herself to designate these six laws for the preservation of public peace, health and safety, therefore exempting them from the referendum process.

The hearing tapes and both chamber floor debate tapes have been downloaded and transcribed in their entireties. That was done to determine if, in fact, any language about preservation of public peace, health and safety was present. There has been no language found in any of the transcriptions that indicate these bills were designated by the legislature, as for the preservation of public peace, health and safety. If you have any documentation to the contrary, please forward that to me.

During the hearing on case D-504-CV-2023-00269 Judge Hudson asked the petitioner, “Where is the Legislature?” The court room was full and everyone in the courtroom wondered the same thing. The case was filed to fight for the people’s right to referendum these laws. In the same article and section in the constitution it states, “The legislature shall enact laws necessary for the effective exercise of the power herby reserved (the power to referendum).

I am asking you, as your constituent, to send a cease-and-desist letter to the Secretary of State, Maggie Toulouse Oliver. This is a simple statement that these laws were not designated for the preservation of public peace, health and safety. This statement upholds your right as a legislator to make and designate laws. This statement also reminds her there is a separation of powers within the constitution and she does not have the authority to designate laws.

I am asking you for your help in this process. Please send the letter, a statement of truth, to the Secretary of State. I want to be able to support you again in the future as a volunteer, financial supporter, and a vote but this will be a large part of the decision-making process of whether that happens. Remember actions speak louder than words.

Sincerely,

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