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Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham
Office of the Governor
490 Old Santa Fe Trail
Room 400
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Governor Lujan Grisham:

It has been an honor to serve as a regent for New Mexico State University for the past four years. However, due to personal and professional commitments, I respectfully submit my resignation as regent effective April 30, 2019.

I was born and raised in Las Cruces, NM and have always had a deep passion for all things New Mexico, and most importantly, New Mexico State University. As a proud NMSU alum, donor and long-time business supporter of NMSU – I did not take lightly the enormous honor nor responsibility being placed on me in my role as Regent. It has been this awareness and my personal belief of what is possible for NMSU that I have attempted to change the conversation from “status quo is acceptable”, to setting high and measureable performance expectations for NMSU and ensuring our rightful place in the United State as a top tier Hispanic and minority serving land-grant university.

As Chair of the Board of Regents (BOR) Student Success Committee, we prioritized the “3G’s”: Graduate on Time; Get a Job; and Give Back, as a goal for all students. We prioritized the six student success pillars (i.e., 1. Enrollment; 2. Retention; 3. Graduation Rates; 4. Placement; 5. Research and 6. Alumni Giving) with strategic KPI’s that put us in the top quartile of our peers, as an imperative for achieving student success outcomes, driving revenues, and building a high performing student-centric university. I am hopeful that these KPI’s will continue to drive our leadership efforts at all levels.

In closing, I am confident our current leadership, Chancellor Dan Arvizu and President John Floros, with a directed “sense of urgency” and support from our Board of Regents, will boldly, expeditiously and diligently lead NMSU to new levels of performance and student achievement that all New Mexicans will be proud of. Go Aggies!

Sincerely,

Jerean Camuñez Hutchinson
Regent, New Mexico State University