



**RPNM: GOVERNOR CONTINUES TO OVERSTEP HER  
AUTHORITY IN SPENDING OF \$1.75 BILLION IN FEDERAL  
PANDEMIC RELIEF**

***CHIEF EXECUTIVE BYPASSES REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP INPUT  
IN CLANDESTINE PLAN***

**Albuquerque, June 29**—RPNM today sided with New Mexico House Republicans in denouncing Gov. Lujan Grisham’s back room politics in discussing how \$1.75 billion in federal COVID relief should be spent. The Governor has wrongly been using her position and influence to decide how to allocate such monies.

House GOP leaders have released a memo detailing negotiations between Lujan Grisham and Democratic leaders with no input from GOP lawmakers and with no transparency.

The following is a statement from Republican Party of New Mexico Chairman Steve Pearce on the latest revelations:

“The Governor continues to overstep her authority and take away the authority of our

legislature. She is acting in an authoritarian manner and refuses to accept the principle of checks and balances. She cannot decide on her own how to allocate such funding. It's the legislature's job to decide how to spend. The Governor is acting like a dictator and is ignoring the role of the legislative branch of government. This clandestine behavior is wrong, insulting and demonstrates a lack of transparency in our state's political system."