



## **REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO STATEMENT ON MANDATED VACCINATIONS AND THREAT OF TERMINATION FOR STATE WORKERS**

**Albuquerque, July 29**—The following is a statement from RPNM Chairman Steve Pearce on the Governor’s executive order today, requiring all state employees to be fully vaccinated or demonstrate a negative COVID test every two weeks. Those not fully vaccinated must wear masks, and state employees who fail to comply with this impulsive order may be terminated.

“This is the latest example of Gov. Lujan Grisham overstepping her authority and having government make personal choices for its citizens. Now she is threatening to fire any state employee if they don’t comply with her executive order. Again, there is no rhyme or reason to her random decisions. The Governor has never had a logical or sensible plan to deal with the pandemic from day one, and this latest knee jerk reaction to deal with COVID is a slap in the face to hardworking state employees. No science, just politics. The Governor should be focused on what’s happening at our border as more and more people with COVID are crossing into New Mexico. They are coming here with no proper health checks, vaccinations or masks, posing great threats to the health and well-being of New Mexicans.”