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Rep. Lord urges Lujan Grisham to resign over sexual harassment payout

Rep. Lord: "Being a woman does not excuse a public official from sexually violating anyone"

SANDIA PARK, N.M.--- Campaign finance reports filed with the NM Secretary of State yesterday revealed Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham paid out an additional \$87,500 to her sexual assault accuser prompting State Representative Stefani Lord to call for Governor Lujan Grisham to immediately resign.

"Today I call on Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham to resign from office. Being a woman does not excuse a public official from sexually violating anyone," said State Representative Stefani Lord (R-Sandia Park). "No elected official is above the law. Her history of sexual harassment is a stain on the state of New Mexico and she should immediately resign. Democrats forced New York Governor Andrew Cuomo from office for much less."

Rep. Lord continued, *"I call on the Democratic Party and Democrat leaders to do the right by joining with the voices of her victims in calling for her to step down. If I were a donor to the Governor's campaign, I would be furious knowing that my money is paying out an enormous sexual abuse settlement, and I would be asking for my donations to be returned. She should not drag our state through the mud by remaining in office."*

Rep. Lord's call for Lujan Grisham to resign follows recent revelations that former Lujan Grisham campaign staffer, James Hallinan, has been paid out an additional \$87,500 from Lujan Grisham's campaign stemming from a sexual harassment claim, bringing the total payout to \$150,000. Lujan Grisham's campaign previously filed in their April 2021 campaign finance report a \$62,500 payout in response to serious accusations of the Governor grabbing the staffer's crotch and laughing in front of her senior campaign staff during a meeting while Lujan Grisham was on the campaign trail in 2018. The embattled New Mexico Governor is no stranger to similar accusations; another New Mexican, Eddie Dehart, also accuses Lujan Grisham of similar behavior as far back as 2005.

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