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## **A Statement from Senator Greg Baca**

SANTA FE – Senator Greg Baca today released the following statement regarding the confirmation of Secretary-Designate Sonya L. Smith:

“I applaud Secretary-Designate Sonya Smith’s commitment to minority inclusion in her role as Secretary of Veterans’ Services. In my line of questioning to her during her confirmation hearing, I hope I was clear that as a minority veteran myself, I view this role as one that must consider every facet of our diverse culture in New Mexico. As a lifelong New Mexican, I understand that there are unique challenges facing New Mexico’s minority veterans – challenges that may not be comparable to other states. Secretary-Designate Smith’s comments today underscored her qualifications to lead this important department. I voted to recommend her confirmation to the full Senate and I look forward to supporting her final confirmation next week.”

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