



REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO STATEMENT ON FINAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL TODAY OF \$1.9 TRILLION COVID RELIEF PACKAGE

Albuquerque, March 10—The following is a statement from RPNM Chairman Steve Pearce after Congress today passed the \$1.9 trillion COVID relief bill:

“This bill is a travesty and a disappointment when it comes to helping Americans. Its name implies it provides direct economic relief for hurting people who truly need help, but this is an illusion. Just a fraction of the nearly \$2 trillion is going to actual COVID relief. The rest is payoffs to special interest groups and blue state governors. While the average American will receive a \$1,400 check, employees of the federal government will get \$21,000 checks. The special insult here is that government employees never missed a check during the pandemic. The badly managed blue states are getting more than \$300 billion to balance their budgets and to bail out pension funds that have for years been accumulating deficits because the payouts could never be sustained from the investment portfolios. This represents a huge payoff to the unions that are among the biggest contributors to Democrats. This bill, chock full of pork and wasteful spending, will hurt the middle class and will eventually lead to massive tax increases and hyperinflation.”