

ON NM HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER RESIGNING AMID CORRUPTION INVESTIGATION

Albuquerque, **July 30**—The following is a statement from Republican Party of New Mexico Chairman Steve Pearce on the resignation of New Mexico House Majority Leader Sheryl Williams Stapleton:

"This is a sad day in New Mexico politics. I know Rep. Stapleton personally, and we have worked together, but there's no excuse for what she's apparently done. These actions must be dealt with appropriately. She should step down because she has violated the public trust and violated her oath of office to New Mexicans. Rep. Stapleton must be held accountable, and we hope the investigation and judicial process will take the proper course in this matter."