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Senate Republican Leader, Senator Greg Baca, Issues Statement Following Favorable Ruling by New Mexico Supreme Court

SANTA FE - The New Mexico Supreme Court today ruled in favor of the New Mexico Legislature in a lawsuit against Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, brought by **Senator Greg Baca** (R-Bernalillo and Valencia) and **Senator Jacob Candelaria** (D-Bernalillo). The ruling comes after months of debate regarding the Governor's unilateral spending of federal American Recovery Plan Act ("ARPA") funds without legislative authorization. After hearing arguments from all parties, the court ultimately sided with the legislature and put a halt to the Governor's illegal spending.

Senator Baca released the following statement applauding the ruling:

"In one of the most significant rulings in decades, the New Mexico Supreme Court today preserved the appropriating authority of the legislature and affirmed the separation and balance of powers enshrined in our Constitution. As legislators, we are the representative body of government and we are accountable to our constituents for the spending of their tax dollars. The Governor's attempts to assume unilateral control of our state by bucking the authority of her office and the state constitution are an egregious power grab, and we are thankful that the high court has ruled in favor of the people."

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