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## **STATEMENT: House GOP Leader response to MLG gas increase plans**

Please find below a statement from House Republican Leader Jim Townsend (Artesia) in response to [Gov. Lujan Grisham's out of touch statement and proposal to increase fuel prices on New Mexicans](#).

*"Lujan Grisham is so desperate to please her donors and DC friends, that she is willing to sell out New Mexicans for her version of the Green New Deal- this coming from a politician that [reportedly turned down a cabinet position with Biden's Interior Department](#)," said House Republican Leader Jim Townsend (Artesia). "Lujan Grisham's administration is defined by selling out New Mexicans to the highest bidder- she lobbied for and was ultimately turned down for the Health cabinet secretary in DC, and now when gas prices are finally plateauing she wants to earn out of state special-interest campaign contributions by increasing the price of fuel at the pump. New Mexico is a mostly rural state, and her reckless plans to take New Mexicans' hard earned money to fund her eco-activism for reelection is very disingenuous to the people. There is nothing worse than having a politician with DC ambitions on the fourth floor, and this Governor knows no bounds to holding back on her ambitions to either return to DC or let her dark-money friends destroy New Mexico."*