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Senator Greg Baca Releases Statement Regarding Gubernatorial Visit to Socorro and Belen

SANTA FE – Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham announced that today, she will visit Socorro and Belen. Just over one year ago, the communities in Belen and Los Lunas experienced historic flood damage that led to a disaster declaration being issued.

Senator Greg Baca, Senator Joshua Sanchez, Representative Gail Armstrong, Representative Kelly Fajardo, Representative Brian Baca, and former Representative Alonzo Baldonado all spent a decade allocating capital outlay funding to support flood mitigation, including a retention pond in Belen. Unfortunately, the funds had not yet been spent at the time of the flood <u>despite constant pressure from the legislative delegation</u>.

Senate Republican Leader, **Senator Greg Baca** (District 29-Belen) issued the following statement ahead of the Governor's visit:

"When the Governor visits our community, it is always during a crisis or a campaign. In this case, it appears she is once again politicking and trying to take credit for the work of local leaders. Today, I want to give credit where credit is actually due—to my colleagues in the Senate and House and to our city and county leaders. Thank you for your decades-long work to provide vital funding to protect our communities and help mitigate the next crisis."

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