



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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Dear Mr. Chairman and Secretary Mountain,

On behalf of the New Mexico Aging & Long-Term Services Department, I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. I am writing today to both introduce myself and inform you of leadership changes within the agency. I humbly request your patience and any input you may have as we navigate this transition.

My name is Jen Paul Schroer and prior my appointment here at ALTSD, I served as the Cabinet Secretary at the New Mexico Tourism Department. While at Tourism, I led several initiatives with New Mexico's health and human services agencies, including ALTSD. Most importantly, I developed the Department of Health's equity and inclusion strategy, "Better Together," to ensure all New Mexicans have access to the Department of Health's resources. There is still work to be done, and I look forward to hearing your feedback and suggestions on how ALTSD and the Office of Indian and Elder Affairs can better serve your communities.

As you are aware, Rebecca Baca has served as the Office of Indian and Elder Affairs Director for the last four years. During that time, she was able to build meaningful bridges that improved the service delivery for tribal elders in New Mexico. Rebecca left her position last week. Her departure is bittersweet, and we wish her all the best moving forward. We are grateful for the service that she has provided to the state and to countless elders.

I would welcome an opportunity to meet with both of you in person to better understand how the OIEA at ALTSD can assist all tribes and pueblos access and meaningfully utilize available funding and resources. I am dedicated to ensuring a smooth transition from both the former Cabinet Secretary and the OIEA Director and continuing to foster good relationships between our team and yours. Please reach out to me at your convenience at Jen.Schroer@altsd.nm.gov. I look forward to working together.

Warm regards,

Jen Paul Schroer