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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: 1/1/2017

TO: Board of County Commissioners

VIA: Katherine Miller

FROM: Orlando A. Romero, Constituent Liaison, District 1

RE: A Resolution to support Community and State Tax Stabilization from National Laboratories in New Mexico.

SUMMARY

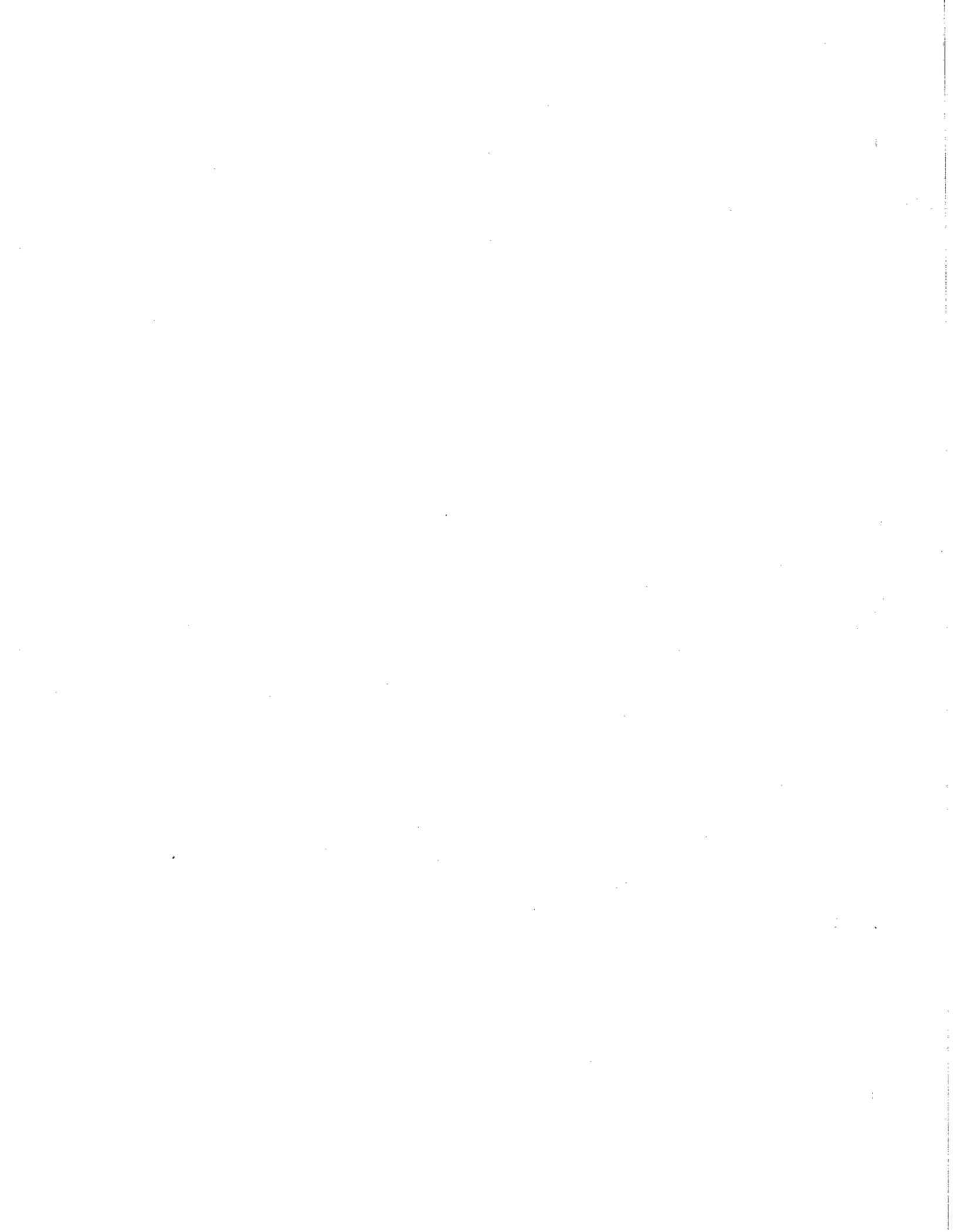
The National Laboratories within the State of New Mexico are important drivers of local and state economies. The tax revenue that both Los Alamos National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratory currently provide are necessary for the surrounding communities to continue to provide an environment that support the missions of the National Laboratories. The State of New Mexico is similarly reliant upon these tax revenues to perform its duties and balance its budget. The Resolution hereby requests that the 2018 Legislature of the State of New Mexico, enact a change to the tax structure that requires all management and operations of the National Laboratories to be taxable.

BACKGROUND

Unlike other industries in New Mexico, there is a potential for significant destabilization to both the State and local entities that receive revenue from the operations of the Laboratories each time the federal government considers its management contracts. The demand for services provided by each of these Laboratories to the state and local entities remains consistent when management transitions occur.

ACTION REQUESTED

Commissioner Henry P. Roybal respectfully requests the Board of County Commissioners support and approve this Resolution.



**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-_____

**A Resolution to Support Community and State Tax Stabilization from
National Laboratories in New Mexico**

WHEREAS, National Laboratories within the State of New Mexico are important drivers of local and state economies; and

WHEREAS, the communities surrounding these Laboratories are important to each Laboratory's success, in that these communities not only provide essential services for the Laboratories' operations but also provide such services for its employees and local citizens; and

WHEREAS, the tax revenues that both Laboratories currently provide are necessary for the surrounding communities to continue to provide an environment that supports the missions of the National Labs; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico is similarly reliant upon these tax revenues to perform its duties and to balance its budget; and

WHEREAS, unlike other industries in New Mexico, there is a potential for a significant destabilization to the revenues that both the State and local entities collect from the operation of the Laboratories each time the federal government considers its management contract; and

WHEREAS, the demand for services provided by each of these federal entities, and the cost of the provision of these services, does not change when the managing entity of a National Laboratory transitions; and

WHEREAS, the communities value their partnerships with the Laboratories, its employees, opportunities and challenges, desire to support the Laboratories in the performance of its mission.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County hereby requests that the 2018 Legislature of the State of New Mexico enact a change to the tax structure that requires all management and operations of National Laboratories to be taxable, as the scale of such enterprises place a significant demand on state and local resources that are inconsistent with any not-for-profit designation.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this ___ day of December, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

By: _____
Henry P. Roybal, Chair
Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County

ATTESTATION:

Geraldine Salazar
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date

Approved as to form:

 _____
R. Bruce Frederick
Santa Fe County Attorney

11-30-17
Date

