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First, as a gesture of respect for each other, our patriotism as Americans, and our understanding of human frailty, let's keep a special place in our hearts for our brave soldiers and veterans! These honorable men and women have and continue to preserve our freedom so that countless education, employment and economic development opportunities are available to our families.

Happy Valentine's Day! It is important to recognize our numerous holidays and festive occasions that promote positive communication among us, a better understanding of our diverse cultures and local attractions. If we celebrate together, we bond as a community and strengthen the fiber and vitality of what makes our communities vibrant.

Bold and strong legislative decisions are once again being made to ***keep New Mexico jetting forward.*** Governor Bill Richardson is continuing with a thoughtful and well-reasoned agenda for this 60-day session and the legislature has risen to the challenge to address these serious issues. They include: improving in-depth regional water planning and efficient use practices, maintaining current and preparing for future Medicaid services, keeping our commitment to adequately fund school district operations and reforms, fully funding long overdue statewide capital projects, and troubleshooting and implementing solutions to deliver government services in the most responsive and effective manner possible.

This exciting journey has already produced phenomenal results! At the forefront, we are: improving our legislative operations, preparing an operational budget that meets this year's public obligations and stimulates future economic growth, and dismantling the tax pyramid that will lead to a healthier small business environment that will eventually generate more resources to fund needed services like education, health care, and law enforcement.

As a long-time practitioner of transformational leadership, I believe it is important to develop innovative yet reasonable strategies to bring forth positive change and high levels of optimism that will bolster the health, education and economic levels of all our communities. ***We cannot stop now!*** By combining the progress already made with more open-minded, research based, and innovative decisions, the next several years will lead to New Mexico becoming a more progressive state.

In closing, the decisions we have made during the past two years must be closely monitored to gauge the health, safety, environmental, educational and economic dynamics that ultimately affect us. As we advocate for and expect a less stressful and better life for our families, let us be prepared to make more sacrifices to reach that objective. ***I am confident that our accelerated pace and adjusted direction will reap great long-term benefits!***

Siempre,

Pete Campos