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PUBLIC SAFETY

The rise in crime in New Mexico reflects deeper issues—broken systems, substance abuse, and struggling families. Scripture reminds us that “righteousness exalts a nation” (Proverbs 14:34). Public safety requires both accountability and restoration. We must hold offenders responsible while investing in recovery programs and strengthening families and communities that help prevent crime. I support policies that protect our communities by ensuring repeat violent offenders are not released back into harm’s way. At the same time, we must create pathways for transformation, because true justice includes both accountability and redemption.

CYFD & CHILD WELLBEING

Every child is a gift from God, and Jesus reminds us to “let the little children come” (Matthew 19:14). CYFD must be reformed to ensure transparency, accountability, and compassion. I will work to support caseworkers, reduce caseloads, and ensure every child is safe and valued. Prevention begins with strong families. I support church and community partnerships, parenting support, and early intervention efforts that walk alongside families before crisis occurs.

EDUCATION

Our children deserve both excellence and guidance. Proverbs 22:6 calls us to “train up a child in the way he should go.” We must restore focus on core academics, character, and parental involvement while supporting our teachers. I believe parents are the primary stewards of their children’s education. School choice allows families to choose environments that align with their values and support their children’s success.

HEALTHCARE ACCESS

Access to healthcare reflects how we care for one another. We are called to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:31). We must expand rural access through telehealth, mobile services, and partnerships with faith-based and nonprofit providers. Addressing provider shortages requires incentives, reduced barriers, and encouraging service in underserved communities while maintaining quality care.

ENERGY PRODUCTION

God has entrusted us with the responsibility to steward His creation (Genesis 2:15). New Mexico can responsibly develop its energy resources while protecting the environment. A strong energy sector supports jobs, strengthens families, and funds essential services. Responsible development ensures long-term stability and affordability.

AFFORDABILITY & COST OF LIVING

Many families are feeling the weight of rising costs. Scripture teaches that “the worker deserves his wages” (Luke 10:7), and families deserve the opportunity to live with dignity. We must reduce taxes, limit unnecessary spending, and promote economic growth so families can thrive, not just get by.

PARENTAL RIGHTS

Parents have a God-given responsibility to raise and guide their children. This role must be honored and protected. Except in cases of clear danger or abuse, parents should always be informed and involved in major decisions affecting their children.

LIFE (SANCTITY OF LIFE)

I believe every life is sacred, as we are “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14).The state should protect life and support mothers and families with compassion, resources, and life-affirming alternatives.

CLOSING SECTION

I am running for Lieutenant Governor because I believe public service is a calling. Micah 6:8 reminds us to “act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly.” I will lead with faith, integrity, and a heart to serve all New Mexicans. What sets me apart is my commitment to lead with conviction and compassion—grounded in faith, guided by service, and focused on strengthening families and communities across our state.