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3rd Annual ITS-NM Meeting Participants
c/o John DiRuggiero, President
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Dear Participants in the 3rd Annual ITS-NM Meeting:

I regret that I could not join you in person but I appreciate the chance to send this message of gratitude for your work in New Mexico's intelligent transportation sector. Efficient and effective transportation is an essential component of economic growth and is a long-term investment in our state's quality of life.

Especially with New Mexicans feeling the effects of rising gas prices, I appreciate your organization's impact on our state's congestion issues and saving commuters money. When *Time Magazine* and the Brookings Institute analyzed the transit networks of 100 metro areas across the nation earlier this year, they named Albuquerque seventh in getting our residents to their workplaces in a timely and cost-effective manner. Intelligent transportation design is making a tangible difference for constituents across our state and is something that you should be very proud of.

Again, thank you for the work you do to implement forward-thinking transportation in New Mexico. I consider it an honor to partner with you in identifying federal funding and strategies that maximize our return on transportation investments in New Mexico.

Sincerely,



MARTIN HEINRICH
Member of Congress

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