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**LT. GOVERNOR DIANE DENISH ANNOUNCES
GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY HOTLINE**

Senators Sapien, Munoz, Morales, and Fischmann Support Effort

Santa Fe, NM - Lt. Governor Diane Denish today announced the establishment of a government efficiency hotline.

“As someone who grew up working in the customer service industry and then owning a small business of my own, I know that sometimes the best ideas come from the customers. The same is true in government. That’s why I have established an efficiency hotline in my office so that the government’s customers – the taxpayers – can offer their recommendations on how the state can do things more efficiently. Taxpayers interact with government agencies every day, and their ideas deserve to be heard. Government employees may also have valuable insights into ways to reduce redundancy and streamline government. We will welcome all input. If any callers report abuse, that information will be forwarded to the appropriate enforcement agencies,” Lt.

Governor Diane Denish said.

“This legislative session has required that we make some very difficult decisions about areas in which government funding will be reduced. I think Lt. Governor Denish is on the right track to establish a hotline to capture the suggestions of the public on ways we can craft a more efficient government,” said Senator Munoz.

“I applaud Lt. Governor Denish for taking steps to bring the public into the difficult decisions we will face in the next legislative session. Those who use government services may well provide some of the best observations into ways to improve those services,” said Senator Morales.

“Asking the public to provide their thoughts on ways to improve state government while retaining important services is a good idea and one that will serve lawmakers well as we move toward the next legislative session where we will again be confronted by significant budget challenges,” said Senator Sapien.

“Many thanks to Lt. Governor Denish for inviting the public in as we try to streamline and improve government during these difficult economic times. They deserve the strongest possible voice,” said Senator Steve Fischmann.

The Government Efficiency Hotline number is 750.GOV4U (750.4684).

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