



# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

March 9, 2026

## SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 86

The Honorable Mimi Stewart, President Pro Tempore  
and Members of the New Mexico State Senate  
State Capitol Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

President Pro Tempore Stewart and Members of the Senate:

Pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have signed SENATE BILL 73 ("SB 73"), enacted by the Fifty-Seventh Legislature, Second Session, 2026. SB 73 is a good start to achieving safer roads. The bill ensures that new drivers take at least three hours of education and training for driving with vulnerable road users, including but not limited to pedestrians, emergency service providers, and cyclists.

I note, however, there is no such requirement for drivers who already have their licenses. In 2025, New Mexico ranked 10th for traffic fatalities, with almost 40% of those fatalities involving a vulnerable road user. It seems that existing drivers are the problem—not future drivers. I encourage the Legislature to attack this problem more comprehensively next session, as it is a matter of life and death. Future legislation could include more requirements around renewing a license, raising the minimum age of those eligible to receive a license, or harsher penalties around distracted or reckless driving. There are many possibilities. The bottom line is more needs to be done to limit the loss of life on the road in New Mexico.

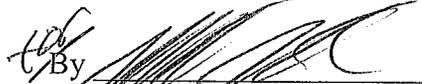
Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Lujan Grisham".

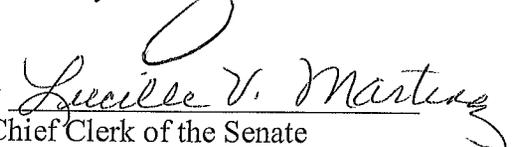
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Time: 8:00 a.m. ~~p.m.~~  
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for Chief Clerk of the Senate