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DATE: December 3, 2021

TO: NMSU Employees

FROM: Dan E. Arvizu, Chancellor

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SUBJECT: Legislative activities and 2022 Legislative Session

New Mexico State University has an Office of Government and Community Relations (OGCR) that is tasked with being NMSU's principal contact for legislative members, congressional lawmakers, government officials, and their respective staff. OGCR implements and coordinates NMSU's determined legislative strategy and priorities to New Mexico's lawmakers and government agencies.

Due to NMSU's highly-regarded reputation, our faculty and staff are often contacted to testify before a legislative committee, or review and comment on legislation. As a reminder, in all things legislative, please inform and coordinate with OGCR. It is imperative in their work for NMSU that they be notified of any communication and activity. If you are contacted by a legislator, legislative committee, staff, or any such entity, please inform OGCR of any communication. Usually, an email to their office will suffice. This is important to maintain a coordinated and well-organized process by New Mexico State University with our legislators.

While this is especially important during the legislative session, please note that this is important at any time of the year, not only during a session.

In addition, if you are contacted by OGCR staff requesting your analysis of legislation, please treat the requests as urgent and consider it a priority to complete and return the analysis within the time specified. Typically, OGCR is under the strict deadline of 24 hours to submit the analysis, which could be critical to the bill's impact to NMSU.

OGCR has a new team member, Mr. Clayton Abbey, State Director for Government Relations, who will work with legislators and their staff. Below is the department's contact information:

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Please visit the Office of Government and Community Relations website: <http://govrelations.nmsu.edu> to stay abreast of legislative activities that impact NMSU and higher education. OGCR posts daily legislative updates to keep the university community informed.

Thank you for helping with this important task.