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Senate Tax Business & Transportation
New Mexico State Legislature
325 Don Gaspar
Santa Fe, NM 87501

RE: SB 152 – LOW-INCOME TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – **SUPPORT**

On behalf of 239,000 AARP members in New Mexico, this letter serves as AARP New Mexico's endorsement of Senate Bill 152, sponsored by Senator Michael Padilla, Representative Pamelya Herndon, and Representative Debra Sariñana.

AARP has been fighting for older New Mexicans to have access to affordable and reliable high-speed internet. For many residents, lack of access and affordability has left too many lagging behind, especially in rural areas. High-speed internet helps families stay healthy at home by being able to see medical providers via telehealth services, helps reduce social isolation, increases the availability of education, and facilitates online job searching and work.

We respectfully ask you to pass this important legislation that is critical to helping our state overcome the digital divide.

Should you have any questions about our support for SB 152, please contact AARP New Mexico's Associate State Director for Advocacy Othiamba Umi, Esq., at oumi@aarp.org or 505-435-3616.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph P. Robal-Sanchez".

Joseph P. Robal-Sanchez, Ph.D.
State Director

