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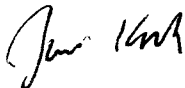
Dear Madam Governor,

I was honored that you reappointed me to the University of New Mexico Board of Regents. Your appointment of a lifelong Democrat to the Board demonstrates your commitment to governing New Mexico in a manner that values solutions over politics.

This morning, the Senate Rules Committee will consider whether or not to confirm the nomination of Matt Chandler to the Board of Regents. The reasons cited are their concerns regarding his past involvement in Republican politics. Despite my extensive political activity on behalf of the Democratic Party, the Senate unanimously confirmed me to the Board earlier this week. Based on this committee and the Senate's rationale for refusing to confirm an eminently qualified nominee because of his political activity, I do not think I can continue to serve having myself spent many years involved in Democratic politics. I am disappointed that the Senate descended to the partisanship it did. In my long career, I cannot recall a lower point for the Senate. It is a disservice to Mr. Chandler, you, the University, and the people of New Mexico who expect more than partisanship from their elected leaders.

Please accept my resignation.

Sincerely yours,



James H. Koch