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Greetings, Lobos,

We pleased to share with you on the final disposition of the 2022 “Junior Bill” appropriations package. This communication wraps up Office of Government and Community Relations reporting on UNM legislative business from the 2022 Regular Session and the ensuing Special Session earlier this month.

On April 8th, the Governor signed Senate Bill 1 (SB1) from the 3rd Special Session into law. SB1 was the revived “Junior Bill” from the 2022 Regular Session with some technical changes. All 30 appropriations originally designated for UNM, totaling \$3.705 million for UNM-deployed programs and projects, successfully crossed the finish line and will be available for fiscal year 2023. More details about the one-day special session itself may be found in our earlier listserv update [here](#).

The [attached spreadsheet](#) details the bill language and UNM appropriation amounts. Please be aware the spreadsheet denotes legislative staffs’ preliminary designation whether an appropriation is recurring or nonrecurring; however, the final determination will be made by the Department of Finance and Administration in the coming weeks.

When viewed in more general terms, each of these requests contributes to our mission delivery in terms of programmatic and research-oriented community service. Additionally, it is important to remember that real people are being impacted with these legislative and executive actions that reflect the trust bestowed in UNM to support the lives of New Mexicans. Two SB1 line items totaling \$250,000 for the [UNM Border Justice Initiative](#) will provide experiential service-learning opportunities to law students through legal representation of immigrants, particularly women and children, who have arrived at the southern border of the United States in flight from dangerous conditions in their countries of origin and in search of better lives. Immigration is a highly specialized and unique area of law, and there are relatively few attorneys in the state who practice in this area, even though the need for this type of representation is high, both in New Mexico and elsewhere. Another tremendously impactful appropriation in SB1 totaling \$130,000 will provide additional support to the [Nene and Jamie Koch Comprehensive Movement Disorder Center](#), serving the approximately 10,000 people with movement disorders in New Mexico. The funds will increase timely access to specialized, multidisciplinary care through both in-person, home-based, and telehealth visits. Additionally, access to related clinical trials, novel research, and advanced therapeutics will be expanded throughout the state. These are two representative examples of the distinctive work and resulting impact these appropriations make possible – we encourage you to learn more about the ways in which the UNM projects funded by the Junior Bill are advancing our mission.

UNM sincerely thanks the New Mexico Legislature and Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham for their thoughtful consideration of these and other UNM-related appropriations throughout the 2022 Regular Session and Special Session. And, of course, none of this would have been possible without the interest and support shared by UNM students, other learners, faculty, staff, researchers, interns, health care providers and other service professionals, alumni, retirees, Regents, and our many other esteemed community partners. Our diversity in thought has proven to be our strength in purpose. As Lobos, we share your collective desire to lead the Pack forward in regard to FY24 planning and beyond. To that

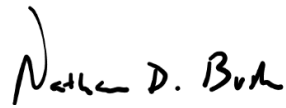
end, on behalf of UNM Senior Leadership, we look forward to continued engagement with you in the coming months.

I also want to recognize the outstanding performance of our staff team of government relations professionals who rose to the occasion again and again to deliver positive state legislative outcomes for the coming fiscal year:

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With appreciation for all who have made their howl heard,

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