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Kathyleen M. Kunkel  
Cabinet Secretary  
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RE: Letter Received May 16, 2020 Referencing Notice of Lea County's Legal Obligation to Comply with Public Health Orders Issued During a Declared Public Health Emergency


Dear Secretary Kunkel:

The Board of County Commissioners of Lea County supports its County Manager Michael P. Gallagher II. Your letter dated May 16, 2020, is unclear factually as to what you are alleging.


Sincerely,

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Lea County, New Mexico

  
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Michael P. Gallagher II, Lea County Manager