

**Congress of the United States**  
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The Honorable Arne Duncan  
Secretary of Education  
U.S. Department of Education  
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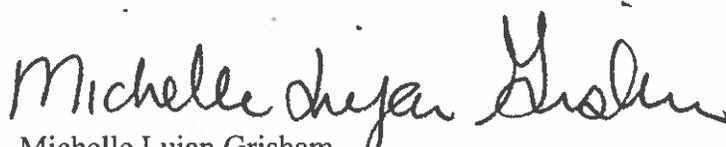
Secretary Duncan,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Dr. Roberta Derlin, Associate Provost at New Mexico State University (NMSU) and urge your full consideration of her nomination to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), the advisory committee on accreditation to the Secretary of Education.

Dr. Derlin has been at the forefront of NMSU's efforts to implement a cycle of continuous improvement while simultaneously addressing accountability, revenue growth, and stability issues. Additionally, she has successfully maintained NMSU's institutional, college-level, and over 40 professional and discipline specific accreditations. Dr. Derlin would also bring a unique cultural perspective to NACIQI through her extensive experience and success at NMSU, one of the leading Hispanic Serving Research Universities.

We believe Dr. Derlin's participation on NACIQI would benefit the nation's higher education system and the state of New Mexico and ask that you please give Dr. Derlin your every consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Michelle Lujan Grisham  
United States Representative

  
Stevan Pearce  
United States Representative