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Dear New Mexico Congressional Delegation,

I am writing to ask for you to support an immediate ceasefire in Israel and Gaza. On October 7th, 1,400 Israeli citizens were killed in a gruesome attack. Since then, Doctors without Borders report that as of October 31st, more than 8,300 Palestinians have been killed in appalling retaliatory violence. More than 3,457 of those killed in this horrific violence are children. New Mexicans join the world in grieving for the thousands of lives lost, demanding an end to the violence, and calling for urgent humanitarian aid.

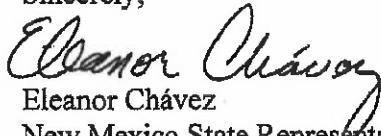
What we are witnessing now is a genocidal war. The intentional bombing of neighborhoods, destruction of infrastructure, targeting of the health care system and systematic killing of civilians in Gaza is unconscionable. More than 1.4 million people are displaced and have no place to go, no food, no water, no electricity, and no fuel. Doctors report having to provide health care without the necessary medical supplies. Can you imagine your child being operated on without anesthetics?

A ceasefire would protect the lives of countless Palestinian and Israeli civilians, allow humanitarian aid to reach those in need, and help us to refocus our efforts to achieve lasting peace through diplomacy. We know that the people impacted by these tragic events want the same thing: peace and safety for their families.

There are millions of lives at stake, many of them children, and as a global leader, the United States has an obligation to do everything we can to prevent further death, suffering, and destruction.

I urge you to stand up for an immediate ceasefire and provide the necessary humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza. The world is watching to see how we respond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eleanor Chávez", written in a cursive style.

Eleanor Chávez

New Mexico State Representative for House District 26