



June 11, 2020

*Sent via email*

Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richard  
New Mexico State Land Office  
310 Old Santa Fe Trail  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richard,

The Customs and Border Patrol (“CBP”) has a history of discriminating heavily against people of color at our nation’s southern border in the name of national security. What is more, the land they are currently surveilling is stolen Indigenous land where sacred sites are being destroyed with no regard for the significance of the site or the heritages to which the sites belong. They have routinely violated the human rights of people of color by separating children from their loving parents or caregivers; denying the ability of migrating people to seek asylum in the United States in accordance with United States and international law; detaining people in their custody indefinitely; and destroying cultural properties and landscapes that also disrupt wildlife and plant species. These kinds of human rights abuses are not aligned with the communities who call New Mexico home or the people coming to this country for a better life. We, the undersigned, cannot tolerate a state agency collaborating with any agency committing these human rights abuses, especially in the current climate.

Indigenous Women Rising submits this letter to you on behalf of the signers below and we ask that you *do not* sign this Programmatic Agreement with CBP and that you continue to work to protect cultural properties on state trust land. The State Land Office is capable of doing this without such an agreement, as the CBP is a federal agency, and already has authority to be on state lands with little notice.

Signed,

Malia Luarkie, Nicole Martin, Rachael Lorenzo- Co-Founders, Indigenous Women Rising

Felipe Rodriguez NM Dream Team

Dawn Z. Hommer, Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico

Alissa Barnes, ProgressNow New Mexico

Aine Brazil, Mariposa Fund

Sydney Tellez, Common Cause New Mexico



Sandra F Penn, MD

Jennifer Lim, Asian American Association of New Mexico/National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum

Jan Thompson

Dana Middleton, Santa Fe

Center for Civic Policy

New Mexico Immigrant Law Center

Julianna Koob

Angel Pena, Nuestra Tierra Conservation Project

La Semilla Food Center

Janet Williams, President, Santa Fe NOW

Corrine Sanchez, Tewa Women United

Southwest Women's Law Center

Kayla Herring

OLÉ Education Fund

Johana Bencomo, NM CAFe

Lisa Padilla, SWOP's Con Mujeres Gender Justice

New Mexico Thrives

Brittany Defeo

The Rev. Dr. Holly Beaumont, Interfaith Worker Justice - NM

Janet Williams, President, Santa Fe NOW

Cherokee Sullinger

Beva Sanchez-Padilla SWOP

Marsha Garcia

Antoinette Reyes, Sierra Club Rio Grande Chapter

Adriann Barboa