

Hello, my name is _____, and I'm working with a coalition of labor and community organizations.

We're out talking to people about Governor Martinez's recent veto of every dollar of higher education funding in New Mexico. Have you heard about that?

[if NO]:

Last month, Governor Martinez signed the legislature's budget, but she vetoed every penny for all colleges and universities in the state. Her veto also impacts many other facilities that people might not know are funded through the higher education budget—like UNM's Cancer Center or Carrie Tingley Children's Hospital.

[if YES, or after introduction, if NO]:

Well, obviously, education shouldn't be politicized, but without action from the state legislature, the lights will go out in many state colleges and universities on July 1st. In fact, the impacts are already being felt—many colleges have already announced tuition increases, program cuts and campus closures.

The good news is that the legislature can easily fix the Governor's mess. All they have to do is go back to Santa Fe and override the Governor's veto. But your state Representative, _____, has so far refused to do that.

We're collecting signatures on a petition to urge _____ to stand up to the governor, and save New Mexico students, sick children, and cancer patients by restoring funding for higher education in New Mexico.

Will you please sign?

[if YES]:

Wonderful, thank you!

[after they fill out their information]: Thanks so much, and have a great day/evening!

[if NO]:

No problem. Let me leave this flyer with you, so you can read it when you have a few moments. Have a great day/evening!