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I have known Damon Martinez since he was a child. Since the beginning of his career working as the Legislative Director to then Representative Tom Udall and a Legislative Assistant to then Senator Jeff Bingaman, to his almost three years as United States Attorney for New Mexico, he has always demonstrated outstanding character, intelligence, integrity, and humility. Whether in his professional life as a public servant, in his service in the United States Army Reserves and New Mexico National Guard, or in his volunteer work, Damon's commitment to using his life to serve others remains steadfast.

As United States Ambassador to Spain and Andorra from 1998 to 2001, I spent time in the company of Presidents, Prime Ministers, Kings and Queens from across the globe. I know what it takes to be a transformative and effective leader, and Damon has all of those qualities. Those who have endorsed him so far demonstrate his deep roots and commitment to the community he has and will serve. As a 10th generation New Mexican, he knows and loves this land and its people. He values diversity and the rich tapestry or heritages and cultures that make New Mexico truly special.

As an entrepreneur, I appreciate that Damon sees the potential in New Mexico, and has a plan for making that potential a reality. He understands the needs of the high tech and entrepreneurial communities in Albuquerque and will support their efforts to grow. Damon understands how the federal government works; he will focus on reducing the red-tape that inhibits the speedy transformation of research from our national labs into marketable goods. Damon will also ensure that federal procurement regulations encourage, rather than discourage, the purchase of local goods and services.

New Mexicans have seen tough times in the past decade, but we are an optimistic and resilient people. Damon is the strong, experienced leader we need. This is the last week of the fundraising quarter and I urge you to join me in supporting Damon and make a contribution TODAY to send Damon to Washington.

Thank you,

Edward L. Romero
Former United States Ambassador to Spain