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NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Governor Lujan Grisham,

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I am writing to you as a last resort and to appeal to you for immediate action regarding a dead dog that has been on the bridge to Church Rock on Highway 566 since April 29, 2019. N.M. State Road 566 is a 11 mile-long state highway in the US state of New Mexico. NM 566's southern terminus is at N.M. 118 and Historic U.S. Route 66 in Church Rock, and the northern terminus is at the end of state maintenance by Church Rock Mine.

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On Monday, April 29, 2019, I observed a dog that was killed in the middle of the bridge and reported it to the City of Gallup, McKinley County Roads Management Department, the Navajo Nation Department of Transportation (Line "Out of Service") and the N.M. DOT; today, May 8. The dog is still there. I have notified these governmental entities to no avail as they have stated that the State of New Mexico has jurisdiction in regards to the bridge.

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This is appalling since all governmental entities use this bridge daily as well as thousands of citizens of the Navajo Nation (the Community of Church Rock), the City of Gallup, McKinley County and the State of New Mexico. An individual ("Amanda") from the N.M. Dept. of Transportation stated that she would notify the proper department and take action on May 6, but poor Fido remains on the bridge as this Request is being composed and sent to you.

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This is clearly a public health and safety issue and I implore you to take immediate action and direct the appropriate department to remove the bloated and rotting corpse from the Hwy. 566 Bridge.

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Thank you in advance for your response,

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CC: NMDOT, JN, MCC, COG, MEDIA

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