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## **Secretary Toulouse Oliver Applauds Public for Participation in Rulemaking Process**

SANTA FE – New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver today commended members of the public for their participation in the draft campaign finance rulemaking process, including the robust turnout at four public hearings and the official written comments submitted to her office.

“I am encouraged to see so many New Mexicans taking democracy seriously by sharing their perspectives on campaign finance with us throughout this process,” said Secretary Toulouse Oliver. “Dark money is a serious problem, and the constructive feedback we received from all over the state will help us craft a stronger rule that increases transparency so New Mexicans will know how people running for office are being influenced.”

The Secretary of State’s office received 79 unique written comments on the revised version of the draft campaign finance rule. Of these, 63 were in favor of the revised rule and 16 were in opposition. One of the unique comments was received 758 times by the Secretary of State’s office as a result of an internet ad paid for by the Washington, D.C.-based Concerned Veterans of America.

The final rule will be published in the coming days and will go into effect 30 days following publication.

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