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Senator Mimi Stewart
President Pro Tempore
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President Pro Tempore Stewart:

I want to begin by thanking you and Majority Floor Leader Wirth for the conversations regarding our public service, the State Senate, how I may best serve District 15 which I represent, as well as how we in the Senate may best serve the State of New Mexico. As volunteer legislators, service is paramount.

We are at an historic time for our state, and there is much work to be done – work which requires all of us to be able to work together. We need to ensure that people feel safe in their homes, have well-paying and rewarding jobs, and a community where our children attend good schools and see a future for themselves. The State Senate is about service to my constituents in District 15, which is primary over any titles beyond Senator. At this moment, continuing in leadership positions has become a distraction that has overshadowed the work of meeting the needs of the people who elected me. I am also concerned about the impact this has on the Senate as an institution, where historically we have worked to resolve that major issues facing our state. For these reasons, please accept this letter as my resignation as Chair of the Senate Rules Committee.

I reiterate my commitment to work with all people interested in bettering my community and our state. I have worked tirelessly to remove barriers to voting and to strengthen our democracy to ensure every New Mexican has a voice. As the only former prosecutor in the State Senate, I have worked to combat the epidemic of crime, sponsoring bills to hold criminals accountable for their actions, to keep guns out of the hands of repeat offenders and those suffering mental illness, and restricting access to guns by children. A former teacher like you, I have sought to improve our schools and ensure that all families have choices in picking the best school for their children. Economic development and jobs has been a major priority, so that we may have a diverse and vibrant economy where people can become their best for themselves and their families. We also need to ensure behavioral health and substance abuse treatment options for those who need it, to keep people from falling into homelessness and to provide a path back for those who have lost everything.

I volunteer my time and talents to be a Senator because I love our state, and am honored to be elected to represent District 15. My community and my constituents are what motivate me, and chief among my constituents is my daughter, who holds me accountable to living true to the values we espouse. I know I still have much to learn about being a servant leader, and I commit myself to improvement in that area. The problems we face are too great, and we must all work together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Ivey-Soto".

Senator Daniel A. Ivey-Soto