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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Press conference and reception for HB-131, So New Mexicans Can Move**

WHAT: HB- 131, *So New Mexicans Can Move* was signed into law by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham. This historical piece of legislation is one of the most comprehensive O&P coverage bills for the limb loss and limb difference community in the nation. The bill ensures O&P care is covered at the same level as Medicare, expands access to orthotics and prosthetics necessary for physical activity for all ages, defines medical necessity and non-discrimination standards for coverage of O&P, and prohibits unfair trade practices on the basis of disability.

The bill sponsors included: Rep. Liz Thomson (D-24), Rep. Kathleen Cates (D-44), Rep. Joshua Hernandez (R-60), Rep. John Block (R-51), Sen. Siah Correa Hemphill (D-28), and Rep. Gail Armstrong (R-49). It received support from both Presbyterian Health Plan and Blue Cross Blue Shield.

This is a celebration of this life-changing piece of legislation, honoring the team of advocates, community partners, and legislative sponsors. These individuals will be on hand to answer any questions.

WHO:

Kyle Stepp, So New Mexicans Can Move Lead Advocate

Representative Liz Thomson

Senator Siah Correa Hemphill

Representative Kathleen Cates

Representative Joshua Hernandez

Representative John Block

Brandon Fryar, Presbyterian Health Plan President

WHEN: Friday, April 28, 2023, 12:00-12:30 Press conference, followed by a Reception from 12:30 – 1:30

WHERE: Presbyterian Rev. Hugh Cooper Administrative Center, 9521 San Mateo Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113

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