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WHAT PROJECT 2025 WILL TAKE AWAY FROM MONTEZUMA COUNTY, OUR COUNTRY, AND YOU!

SEVERELY LIMIT HEALTH CARE AVAILABILITY: P25 would cut Medicaid benefits and add work requirements. In Montezuma, where 45% of people use Medicaid, we could lose over **\$6Million/month**. P25 would force many seniors, who make up 23.6% of our population here, into Medicare Advantage plans, leading to the closure of our hospital and clinics and slashing our healthcare workforce.

VIRTUALLY ELIMINATE CHILD CARE & HURT THE ECONOMY: P25 would eliminate the vital and successful early learning program - Head Start. Mesa View Head Start, serving 50 infants and toddlers, would close, about 22 employees would lose their jobs; and 50 families wouldn't be able to work. Also, about 1 in 5 slots in other childcare centers are Head Start slots, and their elimination will impact additional families and workers.

REVERSE PROGRESS ON FOOD SECURITY & AFFORDABLE HOUSING: P25 would eliminate Food Stamps. Montezuma County receives about \$700,000 per month and serves about 4,800 people through this program. Also, P25 would reduce funding for the Montezuma Housing Authority which helps several hundred low-income people with rent.

RESTRICT ECONOMIC COMPETITION & FAIRNESS: P25 would allow more big corporate mergers like what Kroger and Albertsons want to do—limiting local choice, jobs, and competition. If either Safeway or City Market closed, about 70 people would be out of work. P25 would eliminate small-business support, including for innovation by existing businesses and start up in other industries—which could revive empty buildings. Ripple effects would be cuts to public services and loss of critical revenue in Montezuma County.

CUT SUPPORT FOR OUR VETERANS: P25 would cut critical veterans' benefits under the PACT (Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics) Act, cut local VA office budgets, and possibly eliminate rural VA offices altogether. There are approximately 2,000 vets in our County; those veterans and their survivors receive about \$30 million in benefits. Note: The local VA office budget is only \$76,000 per year, and further reductions would reduce its services.

HURT OUR FARMERS AND RANCHERS: P25 would cut federal payments for crops, conservation, and crop insurance. This would harm many of the 1000+ farmers and ranchers here in Montezuma County who rely on these. The loss of legal H-2 visas through immigration restrictions would hurt farmers and ranchers who need workers—the shortage of farm labor is a serious problem.

CUT ROAD AND BRIDGE REPAIRS: P25 would reduce federal investment in our highways, broadband, and water management/conservation districts, leaving the cost of maintenance and repair to local funds--harming our already stretched budgets. In Montezuma County alone, for example, there are over 170 miles of US highways. Loss of such support would be especially damaging for Towaoc and the Ute Mountain Tribe.

SET BACK THE RECREATIONAL AND TOURIST ECONOMIES: P25 would reduce national parks and monuments; it would privatize services in Mesa Verde, Canyons of the Ancients, and Hovenweep. In our county, there could be big losses to the tourism and outdoor recreation industries, which bring in dollars to local businesses and have ties to local commerce and vitality.

OVERALL: P25 WOULD KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES FROM UNITING TO ADDRESS IMPORTANT NEEDS: P25 seeks to divide us rather than to celebrate our common values; it would make the rich richer while pulling away supports for those in need. P25 would distract us all from addressing complex problems by blaming certain groups and pitting neighbor against neighbor. P25 would keep people from coming together around the goals we all share--such as support for our hospitals, schools, police, fire, first responders, small businesses, parks, and more.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Read about P25 and talk to neighbors, family, and friends. Ask questions of our candidates, and keep these local concerns in mind as you vote for various offices?

public officials.

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