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## **Credit Card Security Bill Pushed by Toulouse Oliver Signed into Law**

SANTA FE – Legislation pushed by New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver to establish a new security requirement for online credit and debit card political contributions was signed into law today. Secretary Toulouse Oliver worked with the bill's co-sponsors, Senator Cisco McSorley, Representative Jim Dines, and Representative Bill Rehm, as well as government transparency advocates from the Bridge Alliance and Common Cause New Mexico to move the bill through the 2018 legislative session.

“Given the pervasive cybersecurity threats that exist today and what we know about Russian interference in U.S. elections in 2016, it’s important that we do everything we can to ensure the integrity of online campaign contributions,” said Secretary Toulouse Oliver. “This important legislation provides greater scrutiny of and security for contributions given to New Mexican candidates and public officials.”

“This process was an astoundingly successful collaboration between country-before-party reformers and groups, including the Bridge Alliance, Dare To Be United, Heather Ferguson and Viki Harrison of Common Cause New Mexico, and the team at Take Back Our Republic,” said Doug Nickle, Director of Development at Bridge Alliance. “We owe gratitude to the bipartisan spirit and leadership of New Mexico legislators Senator Cisco McSorley (D), Senate Majority Leader Peter Wirth (D), Representative Bill Rehm (R) and Representative Jim Dines (R), and Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver and her staff.”

“Common Cause New Mexico applauds the Legislature and the Governor for supporting and signing this simple yet powerful bill that will ensure all political contributions in New Mexico are legal and within our contribution limits,” said Viki Harrison, Executive Director at Common Cause New Mexico. “We are proud to be the first state to enact such legislation to protect our political process.”

Senate Bill 50 closes a loophole that previously allowed unverifiable online credit card contributions to political campaigns. The bill clarifies the online contribution process for campaigns by requiring the contributor to provide the credit card security code (CVV) when donating to New Mexico political campaigns. This new requirement ensures that the identity of a contributor is known and can be disclosed on the required campaign finance disclosure reports that must be filed by candidates, elected officials, and political committees.

The law will go into effect on May 16, 2018 - 90 days after the conclusion of the 2018 Legislative Session.

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