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From: Sandee Miller <ransan68@centurylink.net>
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To Whom it may concern,

I have been hearing on the news and reading online about possible changes being considered that will have a very significant effect on the senior citizens of our state!

And if I am to be honest with you I cannot believe you are choosing to do this to the senior citizens—those with limited incomes—those who are suffering from inflation. It is the senior citizens who most show their love of our beautiful state by the way they take care of campgrounds, state parks, and other recreational facilities. Our family has hunted, fished, camped, and enjoyed the New Mexico outdoors for over 80 years! And the one thing I always notice is it is the senior citizens who clean up the camp sights, pick up litter around wherever they are camping or recreating. They are first to offer help, be friendly, give directions—they are our state's true ambassadors!

The annual pass allows seniors to get out and enjoy the outdoors. It is a wonderful, affordable form of recreation for those on a limited income. Seniors have worked their entire life to enjoy their senior years, and we do it on a budget! There must be other ways for the department to get the money they say they need without taking it from seniors, without taking away their opportunity to get out and enjoy the outdoors!

So I ask you, PLEASE, do not raise the fees for seniors to use the state parks, and PLEASE keep the annual pass available for your senior citizens!

My husband and I are 76 and 77 years old and we try to get out and enjoy the NM outdoors as often as we can. We have gotten an annual pass for several years. We spent our younger years boon docking but now as we are aging and slowing down we are enjoying the state parks and the facilities. Please don't take that away from us!

Thank-you!

Sincerely,
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