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No Tortilla Tax Tortilla Rally Against Food Tax

Food Tax is not a tax reform; it is just shifting the burden to the poor and working families.

May 23, 2017

What: Press Conference and Tortilla Rally to oppose a regressive tax on the most hungry in New Mexico

When: TOMORROW, Wednesday, May 24th at 2:00 pm

Where: New Mexico State Capitol, Rotunda, 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87501

Who: Allen Sánchez, Executive Director, Conference of Catholic Bishops, James Jimenez, Executive Director, New Mexico Voices for Children, Jessa Bunker, Public Policy Director, CHI St. Joseph's Children, Parent Leader, Partnership for Community Action, Ruth Hoffman, Executive Director, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry, others

Albuquerque, N.M. – Tomorrow, Wednesday May 24, 2017 New Mexico for the second year in a row ranks #2 highest for children living in hunger. Across the state, 1 in 4 children are at risk of not having enough food to eat. As we enter the special session, Governor Martinez has said that the food tax is 'OK' if it is a part of a larger tax reform effort. Taxing food is only a shift of tax burden from the rich to the hard working families of New Mexico. We ask Governor Martinez and all legislators to reject a tax on food. As New Mexicans struggle with high rates of child poverty and high rates of unemployment we cannot pass a tax that will make it harder for families to get food on the table.

Visuals: Six thousand tortillas to be donated to food banks.

Press interested in attending should email jessabunker@catholichealth.net or call 505.239.1081