Letter of Comment No. 161 File Reference: 34-E Date Received: 10/12/11



County of Lincoln

P.O Box 711 • 300 Central Ave. • Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301-0711 • (575) 648-2385

October 6, 2011

Director of Research and Technical Activities Project No. E-34 Governmental Accounting Standards Board 401 Merritt 7, PO Box 5116 Norwalk, CT 06856-5116

RE: GASB Statement No. 27 Comment

Director,

The County of Lincoln appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed exposure draft.

Unlike local governments who truly have a future fiscal obligation to their retirees, the County of Lincoln belongs to the New Mexico PERA, a state legislative program prescribed in statute. As such, the retirement program is funded by employer and employee contributions much like Social Security. The County of Lincoln has no further obligation to its retirees once they depart the work force. To saddle the County's future financials with a partial state obligation that does not exist is unfair and does not present a true picture of the future fiscal capability of the entity. The County proposes that where there is an obligation upon the entity that it be so reflected on the financials. Where there is no such impact, a simple statement of no such obligation be applied.

Thank you,

Thomas F. Stewart . Description of the second The second of th

County Manager

And the same to general exercises a second of the contract of the second to the first the think of the control of the property of the property of the control of the cont

Displaying the control of the second of the control of the second of the control of