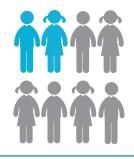
Why the Governor's special session tax "reform" would be **BAD** for New Mexico

It would tax groceries, making it more difficult for families to put food on the table

That's BAD for New Mexico because:

New Mexico has the **2nd highest rate** of child hunger in the nation



25% of our children already don't get enough to eat

Low-income New Mexicans already miss, on average, 12 meals per month



That comes to a statewide total of **117** million meals missed per year

It would tax prescription medications, hearing aides, and prosthetic limbs

That's BAD for New Mexico because:

Those in the **lowest income** group spend more than

as much on medical supplies and drugs, as a share of their income, than do those in the highest income group

It would raise the personal income tax rate for everyone-with the lowest-income families receiving the highest increase

That's BAD for New Mexico because:

Low-income New Mexicans already pay the heaviest tax load in state and local taxes

Those earning \$17,000 or less pay 10.9% of their income in state & local taxes

> Those earning \$338,000 or more pay 4.8% of their income in state & local taxes

It would tax nonprofits on all of their purchases and some of their income

That's BAD for New Mexico because:

75% of all New Mexico nonprofits serve people who are low-income or poor



And 63% serve children, youth, and/or families

A special session is NOT the time to tackle complex tax reform



Sources: Map the Meal Gap, Feeding America, 2017 (child hunger); Missing Meals in New Mexico, NM Association of Food Banks, 2010 (missing meals); BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2013 (medical supplies and drugs); Who Pays?, Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, 2015 (tax load); Building Movement Project in New Mexico 2016 survey (nonprofits). Some images courtesy of flaticon.com NEW MEXICO VOICES FOR CHILDREN