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LETTERS

Nice try, New Mexico Governor Lujan Grisham, but respectfully, no thank you

New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's clever ad campaign to lure Texas physicians and health care workers to New Mexico was creative, but it misses a few key points.

Texas doctors know there are many reasons why record numbers of physicians flock here year after year to practice medicine. Texas doesn't need to advertise our many strengths.

First, Texas' medical liability laws help ensure good physicians caring for Texans can practice without constant fear of a frivolous lawsuit ruining their career.

Second, our state recognizes patients deserve physician-led care.

Additionally, increasing numbers of quality medical schools and residency programs provide outstanding educational opportunities for aspiring physicians.

Admittedly, our state has issues to address regarding the confusion and controversy over some laws governing health care delivery. The Texas Medical Association will continue to work with state leaders to address those for patients and physicians.

But for the reasons above and more, I must say, "Thanks, but no thanks," to your gracious invitation, but we hope you're OK with us coming to vacation in the Land of Enchantment from time to time.

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