

Santa Fe, NM – Congressman Ben Ray Luján of New Mexico’s Third District announced today that he has fought to bring more than \$2.3 million back to his constituents in Northern New Mexico through his commitment to constituent service. Assisting New Mexico residents with Social Security benefits, veteran’s services, and other federal programs is a priority for Luján, who has helped thousands of constituents successfully navigate the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Social Security Administration, and other federal agencies.

“Whether it’s getting a veteran the VA benefits earned through brave service to our nation or tracking down Social Security benefits that have been promised to our seniors, I am fighting hard to serve the people of New Mexico right here at home,” Congressman Luján said. “Thanks to our efforts we have also helped families save their homes by standing up to banks that have lost paperwork and dragged their feet when it comes to implementing federal programs to combat foreclosures. Fighting through red tape and bureaucracy can be a daunting challenge for families that are working hard to make ends meet. My offices are here to work on their side to see that they are receiving a fair shake.”

To make these services accessible to his community, Luján travels across Northern New Mexico to hold mobile office hours and Congress on Your Corner events. During these events, Congressman Luján and his staff are available to residents who need assistance with casework, but may not have the means or time to travel to one of Luján’s six district offices.

After Jim Brown of Bloomfield was forced to retire due to a disability, he was denied – multiple times – Social Security benefits he had earned. With nowhere else to turn, he and his wife, Paula, contacted Luján’s office for help. Congressman Luján and his staff went to work, getting Mr. Brown nearly \$2,000 a month in benefits that he is entitled to and securing nearly \$42,000 in back benefits that were improperly denied.

In total, Congressman Luján has brought back just over \$2,340,000 to Northern New Mexicans through casework. Constituents in need of assistance can contact the Santa Fe office at (505) 984-8950. Luján will hold his next Congress on Your Corner tonight from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Espanola library located at 405 N. Paseo De Oñate. He will also hold Open Office Hours tomorrow, Tuesday, April 26, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at his Santa Fe office located at 811 St. Michael’s Drive, Suite 104.

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