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Luján to Participate in NM Energy\$mart Weatherization Day on Thursday in Española

Santa Fe, NM – Congressman Ben Ray Luján of New Mexico's Third District will participate in the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority's (MFA) Energy\$mart Weatherization Day on Thursday, November 7 at 1 p.m. in Española. Luján will be joined by MFA and the Central New Mexico Housing Corporation at the home of Española resident Amelia Gonzales, whose home is receiving energy-efficient upgrades that will cut her energy bill by more than half.

Mrs. Gonzales is receiving a new efficient furnace, water heater repairs, ceiling and wall repairs, glass replacement, and attic insulation at no cost to help make her older adobe home more energy efficient. When the weatherization work is complete, her energy bill is expected to drop from an average of \$155 a month to an average of \$75 a month.

Since 1997, MFA has administered NM Energy\$mart, which is a Department of Energy program that assists households earning up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level, or \$47,100 for a family of four. Homes where elderly or disabled individuals reside are given priority.

- WHO: Congressman Ben Ray Luján New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority Central New Mexico Housing Corporation Homeowner Amelia Gonzales
- WHAT: Home Weatherization Demonstration
- WHEN: Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 1 p.m.
- WHERE: Home of Amelia Gonzales 2107 North McCurdy Road Española, NM 87532

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