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NM balks at federal agency's request for personal SNAP data

Court battle likely to be resumed due to warning of withheld funding

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SANTA FE — New Mexico is bracing for a showdown with President Donald Trump's administration over the federal government's threat to withhold food assistance funding if the state doesn't turn over personal information about recipients.

State officials were asked by the Trump administration last week to provide five

years' worth of data about Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, recipients within seven days, according to Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's office.

The Governor's Office described the request, which was also sent to other Democratic-controlled states, as "setting states up to fail."

"The timing of this demand for five years' worth of documents, just a few days before the Thanksgiving holiday, was not

a mere coincidence," said Michael Coleman, the governor's spokesman.

New Mexico and about 20 other states filed a lawsuit this summer, leading a federal judge to issue a preliminary injunction in October barring a federal agency from cutting off administrative SNAP funding to states based on their refusal to share recipients' personal information.

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Nagasaki atomic bomb survivors visited the University of New Mexico's Zimmerman Library to discuss their first-hand experiences on surviving the attack. Dr. Masao Tomonaga, left, who was 2 when the bombing happened, talks to UNM student Aurora Goldhamer after the event. The event was being documented by Japanese media.

‘The cross I’ve carried’ Nagasaki atomic bomb survivors share experiences in NM

BY GREGORY R.C. HASMAN AND CATHY COOK
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On Aug. 9, 1945, 6-year-old Chiyoko Motomura was playing on a veranda at her family's Nagasaki, Japan, home. Her mother, aunt and grandfather were weeding the rice fields while her grandmother was preparing lunch when they heard a lightning-like crack.

"Bachiiiiing!" Motomura, now 86, said

through a translated PowerPoint presentation at the University of New Mexico's Zimmerman Library on Wednesday. "A bright flash of light exploded in front of my eyes ... and with a loud thud my small body was slammed into the garden."

Motomura's grandmother rushed over and threw herself over her and then carried her to an air raid shelter even as she had shards of glass pierced in her back.

"At that moment, there was a strange fireball, a roaring noise, and an explosion of wind," she said. "The silence that followed remains in my memory even now."

The presentation was made as members of the Nagasaki Prefecture Hibakusha Health Handbook Holder's Association visited Los Alamos and UNM this week to meet with the public about the lasting effects of

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Brian Connell, New Mexico Transloading's director of business development, walks a rail spur, formerly known as the Kirtland Rail Spur, near the Sunport on Wednesday. The Albuquerque company invested more than \$1 million to rehabilitate the track.

City of Albuquerque activates rail spur near the Sunport

In partnership with local facility, project aims to boost economic growth

BY KYLIE GARCIA
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The city's rail spur vision is officially in motion, with its first activation and client fueling hopes of reshaping the region's transporta-

tion network and economic growth.

Three years after the Aviation Department acquired portions of a defunct rail spur formerly known as the Kirtland Rail Spur near the Albuquerque International Sunport, New Mexico Transloading has officially put its first segment to use, Aviation Department officials told the Journal on Wednesday.

Manny Manriquez, the Aviation Department's acting director, said the activation will enable more efficient cargo transportation to support industrial projects in the region. The Albuquerque area has an undeveloped rail system despite being at the intersection of Interstate 40, Interstate 25 and several

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