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The Honorable David Gowan
Speaker of the House of Representatives
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: House Bill 2540 (ballot measures; forms; filing officer)

Dear Speaker Gowan:

Today, I vetoed House Bill 2540. I appreciate the intent of this legislation; however, the petition process is inherently a power reserved to the voting public and therefore it is contingent upon them to ensure proper compliance with all applicable laws. Additionally, I fear that inserting state and local employees deeper into the signature gathering process exposes them to unnecessary liability. If a county or municipality decides that this is a good policy, the local governing body or their voters can adopt it as part of their local election code.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor
State of Arizona

cc: The Honorable Andy Biggs
The Honorable Mark Finchem
The Honorable Michele Reagan