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The Honorable Steve Yarbrough  
President of the Senate  
Arizona State Senate  
1700 West Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Senate Bill 1118 (expenditure reporting; fair market value)

Dear President Yarbrough,

I have issued a veto on SB 1118.

The bill's stated purpose to clarify expenditure reporting for hosted events may have merit. However, a separate provision, exempting attendance at educational events from the definition of "gift" under Arizona's lobbyist gift ban statute, troubles me. This regulation exists for the important public purpose of prohibiting the exercise of undue influence of lobbyists over elected officials. The change proposed by SB 1118 makes it more difficult to achieve this objective.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Ducey  
Governor

cc: Hon. J.D. Mesnard  
Hon. John Kavanagh  
Hon. Michele Reagan