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July 6, 2022

The Honorable Katie Hobbs  
Secretary of State  
1700 W. Washington St, 7th Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: S.B. 1308 DHS licensure; group homes

Dear Secretary Hobbs,

Individuals with disabilities deserve to be cared for in a manner that helps them thrive and reach their highest potential. Today I vetoed S.B. 1308 because it failed to achieve this goal.

The budget I signed last week makes a historic investment of \$80.9 million from the general fund and \$200.3 million from matching federal funds to increase rates for disability providers to improve and expand services available.

Additionally, the budget includes funding for a new, independent developmental disabilities group home monitoring program to have a third-party review of the quality of services being provided to residents of developmental disabilities group homes. This oversight is in addition to oversight provided by the Department of Economic Security (DES).

While I am open to the policy provisions of this bill, those can only be achieved if the legislature allocates the necessary resources. In this case, the legislation neglected to provide funding or authorization for additional employees needed to do the work.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Ducey  
Governor  
State of Arizona

cc: The Honorable Karen Fann  
The Honorable Rusty Bowers  
Senator Nancy Barto  
Senate Secretary  
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives  
Arizona News Service

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