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Representative Ben Toma
Speaker of the House
1700 W Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: HB 2560

Speaker Toma,

I have vetoed HB 2560. While I understand this bill is intended to further transparency in the election process, it could create serious problems. First, this bill threatens anonymity and privacy – core tenants of free and fair voting in our democracy. It also opens the door to the spread of additional election mis- and dis-information, which there is far too much of already. Finally, it places a burdensome, unfunded mandate on our election officials, who already face a multitude of challenges going into the 2024 election cycle. I do not doubt that this bill is well-intentioned, but it is clear to me that it creates more harm than good for Arizona's election officials and voters.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

cc:

President Petersen
Chief Clerk of the House
Secretary of the Senate
Secretary Fontes