

STATE OF ARIZONA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KATIE HOBBS GOVERNOR **EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

June 8, 2023

Senator Warren Petersen President of the Senate 1700 W. Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: SB 1243

President Petersen,

Today I vetoed SB1243.

SB1243 enables excessive spending that forces taxpayers to pay for private school tuition and diverts much needed funding from our public schools.

Over the last year, School Tuition Organization tax credits diverted over \$271,853,194 million away from the state's general fund.

Protecting taxpayer dollars and ensuring our state's fiscal strength is a top priority and I am committed to making informed decisions that work for all Arizonans.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs Governor

State of Arizona

CC

Speaker Toma
Senator Mesnard
Chief Clerk of the House
Secretary of the Senate
Secretary Fontes