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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

June 5, 2023

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

Re: SB 1696

President Petersen,

I have vetoed SB 1696. While I agree that not all content is appropriate for minors, this bill is a poor way to address those concerns. The sponsor has stated that this bill was aimed at preventing a specific action from reoccurring, while in reality it is written in such a vague manner that it serves as little more than a thinly veiled effort to ban books.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "KH", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

Cc:
Speaker Toma
Senator Hoffman
Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House
Secretary Fontes