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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 12, 2025

The Honorable Steve Montenegro
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: House Bill 2221: law enforcement; defunding; prohibition

Speaker Montenegro,

Today, I vetoed House Bill 2221. I've consistently advocated for increased funding for law enforcement. However, I encourage the legislature to listen to the Fraternal Order of Police, Arizona Police Association, and the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police who oppose the final version of this legislation, because it undermines local decision making which is needed for public safety agencies to operate effectively.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "KH", followed by a long horizontal line.

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

cc:

The Honorable Warren Petersen
The Honorable David Marshall
The Honorable Adrian Fontes