

## STATE OF ARIZONA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KATIE HOBBS GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 13, 2025

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

RE: House Bill 2437: drug-free homeless zones

Speaker Montenegro,

Today, I vetoed House Bill 2437. As someone who has worked with individuals experiencing homelessness, I know that social workers and service providers should focus on engaging people in services, not enforcing our criminal laws. I encourage this Legislature to work with me to address our state's housing shortage, increase affordable housing options, and get homeless Arizonans off the street.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs Governor

State of Arizona

cc:

The Honorable Warren Petersen The Honorable Matt Gress The Honorable Adrian Fontes