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

RE: House Bills 2962, 2963, 2964, 2965, 2966, 2967, 2968, 2969, 2970, 2971, 2972, 2973, 2974

Speaker Montenegro,

Today, I vetoed the following bills:

- HB 2962 general appropriations; FY2026
- HB 2963 amusements; FY2026
- HB 2964 capital outlay; appropriations; FY2026
- HB 2965 environment; FY2026
- HB 2966 health care; FY2026
- HB 2967 higher education; FY2026
- HB 2968 human services; FY2026
- HB 2969 K-12 education; FY2026
- HB 2970 local government; FY2026
- HB 2971 state buildings; management; FY2026
- HB 2972 revenue; FY2026
- HB 2973 state budget implementation; FY2026
- HB 2974 transportation; FY2026

For months, I worked with leaders of both parties, in both chambers, to craft a bipartisan, balanced, and fiscally responsible budget that garnered support from the majority of Senate Republicans. That budget has pay raises for State Troopers and firefighters, cuts taxes for small businesses, invests in combatting Veterans homelessness, and makes child care more affordable and accessible. It passed the Senate and should be put up for a vote in the House.

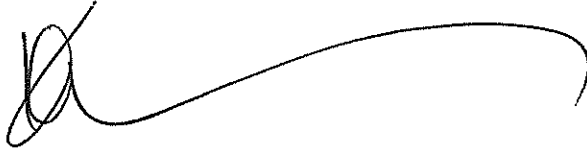
Unfortunately, House Republicans abdicated their responsibility and refused to meaningfully participate in our bipartisan budget negotiation process. Now, they are attempting to leverage

the threat of a government shutdown to force through a reckless and partisan budget that raises costs, harms businesses, and makes our state less secure.

This partisan budget is wrong for the people of Arizona. It slashes pay raises for state troopers and firefighters, guts investments in child care, removes efforts to combat Veterans homelessness, cuts funding for K-12 schools and our universities and community colleges, and underfunds infrastructure projects throughout our state. The President of the State Troopers Association put it plainly enough: if this budget passes and you need rescuing, "don't call DPS. Rangers won't respond."

It's now time for House Republican leadership to set the political games to the side and work with their colleagues in a productive fashion to deliver a bipartisan solution for the people of our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'K' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that curves slightly upwards at the end.

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

cc:

The Honorable Warren Petersen
The Honorable David Livingston
The Honorable Adrian Fontes