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April 7, 2026

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

RE: HB2008 school libraries; professional associations; prohibitions

Speaker Montenegro,

Today I vetoed HB2008. This is a shameful and misguided attack on public school librarians. Knowledge is power, not a weapon, and at a time when literacy rates are on the decline nationwide, I will not support legislation that deprives our children of the resources they need to reach their full potential.

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:

The Honorable Warren Petersen
The Honorable Nick Kupper
The Honorable Adrian Fontes