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

RE: HB2133 sexual material; consent; synthetic depiction

Speaker Montenegro,

Today I vetoed HB2133. The sponsor stated in committee the legislation's intent is to require the consent of an elected official before they are satirized on a show like *South Park*. This bill has a chilling effect on free speech and would violate First Amendment rights to engage in satirical discourse about elected officials.

Current law already covers AI-generated images for revenge porn; legislation I was proud to sign last year, and the federal TAKE IT DOWN Act helps ensure Arizonans are not victimized online.

My office attempted to work with the sponsor on ways to further protect victims without shielding politicians from criticism as HB2133 does. Although the sponsor rebuffed those efforts in favor of a partisan approach that attempts to make political satire illegal, I remain committed to finding real bipartisan solutions to protecting Arizonans.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

cc:

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