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June 19, 2026

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

RE: HB2322 DCS; investigations; interviews; recording

Speaker Montenegro,

Today I vetoed HB2322. I appreciate the sponsor's intent to modernize and align interview protocols of the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) with leading practices in the field. Upon my direction DCS will apply for federal funding to jumpstart these efforts if the opportunity arises.

I am committed to implementing legislation that has a real, tangible impact on child safety and well-being, and I am proud to sign the following bills today, in addition to others enacted earlier this year:

- SB1127 duty to report; abuse; neglect (Werner)
- SB1174 DCS; intake hotline; case history (Werner)
- SB1496 DCS; policies; procedures (Werner)
- SB1631 DCS; sexual abuse allegations; interviews (Werner)
- SB1821 DCS; training; child placement; management (Farnsworth)
- HB2041 child neglect; financial resources; exception (Fink)
- HB2321 DCS; credit freeze; reporting (Gress)
- HB2661 parents' rights; guardianship; notice (Fink)
- HB4042 termination; parent-child relationship; service (Weninger)

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs  
Governor  
State of Arizona

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