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

RE: HB2396: SNAP; allowed purchases; waiver

Speaker Montenegro,

Today I vetoed HB2396. This should come as no surprise since I previously vetoed similar legislation. As I shared then, I appreciate your intent to improve the health outcomes of Arizonans. Yet, instead of offering Arizonans more options to feed their families, this legislation would deprive them of the dignity and economic freedom enjoyed by other grocery shoppers.

SNAP is the most robust and effective anti-hunger tool we have in Arizona—I know this firsthand. I invite you to join me in more productive efforts to expand opportunities for its participants to purchase fresh foods, as I did when Congress held SNAP hostage during the government shutdown.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

cc:

The Honorable Steve Montenegro
The Honorable Leo Biasiucci
The Honorable Adrian Fontes