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

RE: HB2796: AHCCCS; enrollment verification; presumptive eligibility

Speaker Montenegro,

Today I vetoed HB2796. This should come as no surprise since I previously vetoed this legislation. State agencies, including AHCCCS, already employ a wide variety of effective and efficient member eligibility processes that bolster Medicaid program integrity. Additionally, Washington politicians have imposed extraordinarily rigid Medicaid eligibility redetermination and work requirements, set to take effect on January 1, 2027. As Arizona's agencies work to implement this federal legislation, state legislation like this bill would impose obligations that are both duplicative of existing protocols and redundant of federal requirements. This measure would unnecessarily grow government, and it is a bureaucratic distraction from the state's obligation to implement federal Medicaid requirements in a timely way.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

cc:

The Honorable Steve Montenegro
The Honorable Michael Carbone
The Honorable Adrian Fontes