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KATIE HOBBS
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

March 12, 2026

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

RE: HB2993: DPS; legal representation; appropriation

Speaker Montenegro,

Today I vetoed HB2993. Public safety has always been one of my administration's top priorities, which is why I proposed a different and more appropriate funding source for the requests outlined in this bill. As you know, my office strongly recommended you amend HB2993 to use the Highway Patrol Fund as a source of the \$4.75 million needed by DPS. But rather than give our state troopers the resources they need, you preferred to send me a bill that serves only as a political stunt. Diverting funds from consumer protection programs that educate the public about scams and fraud will greatly harm everyday Arizonans.

I proudly identified \$1 million in operational savings to deliver additional funding for Trooper overtime. I encourage you and the legislature to put partisan politics aside, and work with me on the remaining supplemental funding to support the hard-working men and women of the Arizona Department of Public Safety. Send me a bill using \$4.75 million from the Highway Patrol Funding for this DPS supplemental and I will sign it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie Hobbs", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

cc:
The Honorable Warren Petersen
The Honorable Adrian Fontes