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

RE: HB4049 attorney general; legal counsel; exemption

Speaker Montenegro,

Today I vetoed HB4049. This legislation would lead to unnecessary conflict and delays in juvenile court proceedings, as well as significant unfunded mandates for DCS and the Attorney General's Office.

I am committed to implementing legislation that has a real, tangible impact on child safety and well-being. That is why I am proud to have signed 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 Lisa Fink
The Honorable Adrian Fontes