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The Honorable Warren Petersen  
President of the Senate  
Arizona State Senate  
1700 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: SB1051: hospitals; patient immigration status; reporting

President Petersen,

Today I vetoed SB1051. This should come as no surprise since I previously vetoed this legislation. Undocumented people are not eligible to enroll as AHCCCS members. Federal law recognizes that everyone gets sick, requiring American hospitals to provide emergency stabilization care to every person who needs it, regardless of where they are from or their ability to pay.

As Arizonans brace for the deep Medicaid cuts inflicted on us by out-of-touch Washington politicians, the legislature continues to show a troubling inability to grasp some of the most basic functions of Medicaid, policies that have been federal law for decades.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs  
Governor  
State of Arizona

cc:

The Honorable Steve Montenegro  
The Honorable Wendy Rogers  
The Honorable Adrian Fontes