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

RE: SB1418 corporation commission; small modular reactors

President Petersen,

Today I vetoed SB1418. Given record power demand growth projections, Arizona must responsibly reduce barriers to deploying new energy projects quickly. We are not in the business of picking winners and losers in the energy landscape, and while advancements in small modular reactor technologies are promising, they are still emerging. Deploying such a catch-all approach for an emerging technology, as laid out in this bill, is irresponsible.

I do believe we should develop a responsible regulatory framework for small modular reactors that encourages innovation while protecting public safety, and look forward to further engagement on the issue in future sessions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie Hobbs", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

cc:
The Honorable Steve Montenegro
The Honorable Frank Carroll
The Honorable Adrian Fontes