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Hobbs Freezes Bill Signings After Abandoning Budget Talks

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Arizona House Speaker Steve Montenegro today criticized Governor Katie Hobbs’ decision to freeze bill signings after she walked away from budget negotiations more than three weeks ago. Hobbs left the table when it became clear her spending plan relied on revenue that did not exist, and she had no responsible path to a balanced budget.

“Governor Hobbs quit the budget talks more than three weeks ago after it became clear her numbers did not add up, and now she is trying to distract from that failure with a bill-signing freeze. That is political theater. Arizona needs a balanced budget built on honest numbers, not press stunts and invented revenue. House Republicans are at the Capitol, doing the work and ready to govern. The Governor can end her sideshow anytime by coming back to the table, doing her job and dealing with reality.”

Steve Montenegro is the Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives and serves Legislative District 29 in the West Valley, Goodyear, and Surprise. Follow him on X at @SteveMontenegro.

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