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May 2, 2025

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

RE: House Bill 2099: governor; attorney general; duties; immigration

Speaker Montenegro,

Today, I vetoed House Bill 2099. When I assumed the role of Governor, I pledged to uphold both the U.S. Constitution and the Arizona Constitution, as did each of you.

Arizonans, not Washington, DC politicians, must decide what's best for Arizona. I have worked productively with the federal government to secure our border, stopping fentanyl at our ports of entry through Task Force SAFE, disrupting cartel operations with Operation Desert Guardian, and working across all levels of government to keep communities safe with the Border Coordination Office.

I will continue to work with the federal government on true border security, but we should not force state officials to take marching orders from Washington, DC. My focus will always be on delivering real results for Arizonans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "KH" followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line.

Katie Hobbs  
Governor  
State of Arizona

cc:

The Honorable Warren Petersen  
The Honorable Teresa Martinez  
The Honorable Adrian Fontes