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The Honorable Katie Hobbs
Secretary of State
1700 W. Washington, 7th Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1558 (legislators; mileage rate; distance)

Dear Secretary Hobbs:

Today, I vetoed S.B. 1558.

I respect the Legislature's role as a separate and co-equal branch of government. I also value the work and time commitment that our state lawmakers dedicate to appropriately represent the people who elected them – that includes legislators on both sides of the aisle.

Arizona is the sixth largest state in terms of land area. So for rural legislators and those representing areas outside of Maricopa County, there is a strong case to be made for ensuring we are appropriately recognizing what is required for them to be here at the state Capitol in Phoenix during session. Any change in the per diem rate should also be prospective, and apply to the next Legislature, which will be sworn in on January 11, 2021, following the 2020 election.

I am open to working with legislators on such a change next session.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor
State of Arizona

cc: The Honorable Karen Fann
The Honorable David Livingston
The Honorable Rusty Bowers