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The Honorable Rusty Bowers  
Speaker of the House  
Arizona State House of Representatives  
1700 W. Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: House Bill 2820 (dietitian nutritionists; licensure)

Dear Speaker Bowers:

Today I vetoed H.B. 2820.

The last thing we need is another barrier for Arizonans to get back to work.

Over the last several years, Arizona has become a leader in occupational licensing reform. We've been relentless in hacking away at needless bureaucracy, and making it easier for Arizonans to get to work. H.B. 2820 would move Arizona in the opposite direction — creating unnecessary barriers for individuals looking to earn an honest living.

Proponents of this legislation argue that licensure is needed to provide telehealth services for out-of-state patients, but Arizona law does not prohibit registered dietitians from consulting with out-of-state patients.

This law would institute an unnecessary and burdensome government permission slip in the form of licensure. There is value in occupational licensing when it's necessary to protect public health or safety. This legislation does not meet that standard.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Ducey  
Governor  
State of Arizona

cc: The Honorable Karen Fann  
The Honorable Alma Hernandez  
The Honorable Katie Hobbs

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