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Representative Ben Toma
Speaker of the House
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: HB2530

Speaker Toma:

I have vetoed House Bill 2530.

This legislation unnecessarily expands the role of the Department of Child Safety (DCS) in decisions and actions that should be handled between a pregnant person and medical professionals.

I respect and share the sponsor and proponents' goal of expanding access to voluntary substance use treatment services for pregnant people. Yet to do this, we need to make these services available, affordable, and accessible. This also includes building trust in and right-sizing any potential involvement of DCS through broad community conversations on policy governing mandated reporting, hotline procedures, and statutory neglect. The legislation lacks these elements.

Sincerely,

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Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

Cc:

President Petersen

Representative Jones

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary Fontes