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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 8, 2023

Senator Warren Petersen
President of the Senate
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: SB 1252

President Petersen,

I have vetoed Senate Bill 1252.

As a social worker, I understand the great importance of transparency and accountability in conducting thorough reviews of critical incidents and developing new policies or practices to better safeguard children at risk of abuse or neglect. However, the creation of an additional review committee inefficiently duplicates the work of existing oversight bodies, unnecessarily furthers mistrust of caseworkers, and may regrettably place additional burdens on traumatized or grieving families.

My administration remains ready and willing to collaborate and improve our existing oversight processes to make them more useful for policy decisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "KH", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

Cc:

Speaker Toma

Senator Kern

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary Fontes