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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

June 20, 2023

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

Re: SB 1658

President Petersen,

Today I vetoed SB1658.

This bill creates a presumption that all citizens of certain countries are enemies of the state. It would broadly disqualify many Arizonans who are dual citizens and productive members of our economy.

Moreover, the bill's broad language would jeopardize business entering the Arizona market, a significant tailwind in our economy as the US's top state for foreign-direct investment, especially from our close partners in Taiwan.

In cases where there are national security concerns, the federal government is actively evaluating and intervening to protect our national interests, and the State of Arizona regularly engages with federal officials to evaluate potential threats.

I look forward to working with the legislature to protect our state and advance opportunities for all Arizonans and continued international investment.

Sincerely,

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Katie Hobbs  
Governor  
State of Arizona

cc:

Speaker Toma

Senator Rogers

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Secretary Fontes