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April 18, 2025

The Honorable Steve Montenegro  
Speaker of the House  
Arizona House of Representatives  
1700 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: House Bill 2774: small modular reactors; co-location

Speaker Montenegro,

Today, I vetoed House Bill 2774. Arizona benefits from having the second-largest nuclear power plant in the nation, providing clean baseload energy generation to power our communities. I am supportive of conversations around the responsible adoption of emerging energy technologies, including the potential deployment of small modular reactors that may help address generation capacity concerns.

Unfortunately, this bill puts the cart before the horse by providing broad exemptions for a technology that has yet to be commercially operationalized anywhere in the nation.

I look forward to engaging in further conversations that will deliver responsible policy that enables the deployment of emerging energy technologies like small modular reactors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a stylized 'K' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that curves upwards at the end.

Katie Hobbs  
Governor  
State of Arizona

cc:  
The Honorable Warren Petersen  
The Honorable Michael Carbone  
The Honorable Adrian Fontes