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SECRETARY OF STATE
State of Arizona

The Honorable Doug Ducey
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

March 24th, 2022

Re: HB 2492

Governor Ducey,

Yesterday, the legislature passed HB 2492. Simply put, the bill creates new barriers for voters that are disconnected from any legitimate election integrity purpose. The bill violates clearly-settled federal law and, if signed, will lead to costly litigation.

Among other things, HB 2492 would require voters, including those registering with a federal form, to submit “proof of location of residence” along with their voter registration form. As you may know, in 2013 the Supreme Court held that “42 U. S. C. §1973gg-4 precludes Arizona from requiring a Federal Form applicant to submit information beyond that required by the form itself.”¹ The federal form does not require that a voter submit “proof of location of residence.” As House Rules Attorney Jennifer Holder said, this precise issue “has been squarely addressed” by the Supreme Court.²

What’s more, the bill creates new criminal penalties aimed at elections officials, sets arbitrary rules that will lead to voter confusion, and dictates non-discretionary enforcement requirements for prosecutors.

For the good of Arizona’s voters, election officials, and taxpayers, I ask you to veto this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "KH", written over a horizontal line.

Katie Hobbs
Arizona Secretary of State

¹ *Arizona v. Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.*, 570 U.S. 1, 17 (2013).

² <https://www.azleg.gov/videooplayer/?eventID=2022021121&startStreamAt=451>