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May 18, 2016

The Honorable Andy Biggs
President of the Senate
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1401 (trade names; trademarks; application)

Dear President Biggs:

Today, I vetoed Senate Bill 1401.

While I understand the genesis behind the bill, I am concerned about the additional -- and subjective -- requirements it places on businesses and entrepreneurs. I support reducing frivolous lawsuits in the state, but this bill would not insulate any business from litigation and in fact could actually expose trademark applicants to additional litigation due to the new requirements contained in the bill.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor
State of Arizona

cc: The Honorable David Gowan
The Honorable Gail Griffin
The Honorable Michele Reagan

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