**GOVERNOR KATIE HOBBS** 

## STATE OF ARIZONA EXECUTIVE ORDER

## **Executive Order 2024-01**

Prohibiting Release of Information from Unclaimed Property Holder Reports for Commercial Purpose, Arizona Department of Revenue

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Revenue (the "Department") is the custodian of records for unclaimed property holder reports made pursuant to Arizona's Unclaimed Property Act; and

WHEREAS, Choice Plus, LLC ("Choice Plus") made a March, 21 2023 public records request of the Department for a complete list of insured persons, annuitants, and beneficiaries from certain of these holder reports ("Records") pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-313(E); and

WHEREAS, the Department has determined that the furnishing of such records for Choice Plus's commercial purpose would constitute a misuse and abuse of the right to receive public records; and

WHEREAS, the Department has made application to me, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, pursuant to A.R.S. § 39-121.03(B), requesting that I, by Executive Order, prohibit the furnishing of public records sought for the commercial purpose;

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 39-121.03(B) provides that the Governor may prohibit a custodian from furnishing public records if the Governor determines that the commercial purpose in requesting such records is a misuse or abuse of the public records.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of this State, do hereby order and direct as follows:

- 1. Choice Plus's commercial purpose for the Records is a misuse and abuse of public records.
- 2. The Department is prohibited from providing the Records to Choice Plus for this commercial purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

## GOVERNOR

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this sixth day of March in the Year Two Thousand Twenty-Four and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Eighth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE