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Dear Governor Ducey,

As I was recently confirmed by the Senate to serve as United States Ambassador to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, I must relinquish my role as co-chair of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council, effective today.

It has been my distinct honor to serve on this Council since its inception in 2013, and inspiring to do so alongside a talented cadre of dedicated public servants, researchers, service providers, law enforcement representatives and survivors, all of whom share the singular goal of making Arizona a leader in the fight against human trafficking.

I applaud your leadership in supporting efforts to eradicate trafficking in our state and I am grateful that you participated alongside me when it was a task force and pleased that you made this council permanent when you became Governor. We have achieved so much working together as a council, and there is continued work to be done to protect the most vulnerable against the horrors of trafficking.

The Council's accomplishments in the past eight years have included providing training on how to identify, report and respond to victims of trafficking to over 44,000 professionals and community members statewide, including: legislators, law enforcement, medical professionals, tribal communities, school staff, faith based organizations, and businesses.

The Council has hosted an annual Arizona Human Trafficking Symposium, bringing together statewide human trafficking task forces and coalitions, county attorneys, law enforcement, service providers and other stakeholders to work collaboratively to improve Arizona's response to trafficking.

The Council has supported over 30 research studies that illuminate the human trafficking landscape in Arizona and provide insight on how systems of care can better aid survivors of human trafficking. We are encouraged by the successful passage of legislation that strengthens protections for victims, increases penalties for perpetrators, and requires prevention education for children in DCS care.

Arizona will always be my home, and I will continue to watch with interest the work of this council and the great progress being made in our state on combatting trafficking. Thank you for your confidence, it has been a privilege to serve on the Arizona Human Trafficking Council.

Sincerely,

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