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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

June 28, 2022

The Honorable Katie Hobbs
Secretary of State
1700 W. Washington, 7th Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: H.B. 2858 capital outlay; appropriations; 2022-2023

Dear Secretary Hobbs,

Today, I signed H.B. 2858. This legislation, in conjunction with the historic investments made in the General Appropriations Act (H.B. 2862), provides the largest investment in transportation infrastructure in state history.

Arizona's economy is booming. Families, businesses and young professionals from all over the country are moving here. Our job is to create the environment to sustain that growth. Infrastructure is the backbone to Arizona's strong economy. H.B. 2858 provides approximately \$1 billion in strategic transportation initiatives, setting our state on the path for continued success. This includes a \$875 million targeted investment for 44 specific transportation projects, \$20 million for strategic investments in the state's aviation infrastructure, and \$51 million to maintain robust highway maintenance.

In addition, we're making a \$50 million deposit into the new State Match for Rural Transportation (SMART) Fund, which is designed to assist communities outside of the Maricopa and Pima urban cores in seeking federal competitive transportation funding. This will provide an opportunity to further position the state and local communities seeking federal funding opportunities for transportation. The program will be administered by the Arizona Department of Transportation.

H.B. 2858 will continue to enhance Arizona's transportation system by providing reliable and safe modes of transport while strengthening Arizona's economic competitiveness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas A. Ducey".

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor
State of Arizona

cc: The Honorable Karen Fann
The Honorable Rusty Bowers
The Honorable Regina Cobb
The Senate Secretary
The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
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