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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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Representative Ben Toma
Speaker of the House
1700 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: HB 2427

Speaker Toma,

I have vetoed HB 2427.

Current law already allows for the court to consider the pregnancy of a victim as a factor in sentencing. Indeed, Arizona's leading advocacy organization for victims of domestic violence has said that the bill "will do nothing to deter domestic violence offenses or support pregnant victims."

As a social worker who spent years serving in Arizona's largest domestic violence shelter, I've seen first-hand the needs of victims seeking safety and stability. I encourage the legislature to focus on those needs, including increased funding for services and economic support for victims.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KH", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Katie Hobbs
Governor

Cc:
President Petersen
Representative Gress
Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House
Secretary Fontes