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March 5, 2021

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

Re: Senate Bill 1420 consular identification; validity; biometric verification

Dear Secretary Hobbs:

Today I signed S.B. 1420 sponsored by Senator Paul Boyer. I'm grateful to the sponsor and the bipartisan majority of legislators who supported this policy that enhances public safety by offering a secure, reliable form of identification to be accepted in Arizona.

This legislation will ensure that law enforcement is able to quickly and accurately identify more of the individuals with whom they interact. This is critical to ensure safety for both law enforcement and the public. As a result of this legislation, more individuals will have biometrically secure forms of identification for interactions with law enforcement and other governmental entities.

This bill does not authorize any new rights or responsibilities for non-citizens. It simply recognizes that governments in Arizona will accept cards issued by countries who use strict biometric identity verification techniques as lawful identification.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Ducey  
Governor  
State of Arizona

cc: The Honorable Karen Fann  
The Honorable Rusty Bowers  
The Honorable Paul Boyer