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Via Email and U.S. Mail

Honorable Katie Hobbs
Governor of Arizona
1700 W. Washington St., Ninth Floor
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Re: United States Climate Alliance Announcement

Dear Governor Hobbs:

We are writing in response to your announcement that Arizona has joined the United States Climate Alliance—an organization set up by three Democratic governors as a protest to President Trump’s decision to withdraw from the job-destroying Paris Agreement. The Alliance is a completely voluntary coalition of governors with aspirational and non-binding goals to combat global warming.

To be clear, the Alliance is a coalition of governors, not States. The Legislature is the branch of government constitutionally charged with setting public policy for the State of Arizona and nothing in the laws of the State authorize you to join this coalition—as ineffectual as it is—on behalf of the State.

We suggest that, instead of unilaterally creating task forces and joining do-nothing coalitions, you work with and through the Legislature to formulate public policy. Attempting to evade this process through edict misleads the public on the proper role of the executive and diverts attention from the real work that needs to be done.

Most importantly, executive overreach threatens the separation of powers provisions in Article III of the Arizona Constitution. Because separation of powers is “essential to the preservation of liberty,” James Madison, Federalist No. 51, Senate Republicans are committed to serving as a check on any abuse of executive power.

We look forward to more open and direct communication between your office and the Legislature on the pressing environmental issues facing the State.

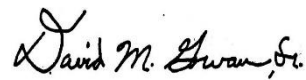
Respectfully,

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Senator Frank P. Carroll

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Senator Sine Kerr

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Gowan, Sr.". The signature is cursive and includes the initials "D.M." and the suffix "Sr.".

Senator David Gowan

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas R. Shope". The signature is cursive and includes the initials "T.R." and the suffix "Sr.".

Senator Thomas R. Shope