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Deputy Director David Lujan:

As a state Senator and Chairman of the Senate Committee for the Senate Committee on Health & Human Services, I am deeply disturbed by recent reports in the media outlining what can only be described as a pay-to-play scheme coordinated between Governor Katie Hobbs' Office, your department, and political donors. Further, the benefactor of this highly questionable use of taxpayer funds is a DCS contracted group home provider that I am all too familiar with as the result of the tragic death of a child that took place in their care during December of 2022.

Given the current budget shortfall facing our State and this particular provider's more than troubling history of child welfare, the Arizona Senate Committee on Health & Human Services needs to know the facts surrounding how your department evaluated Sunshine Residential Homes and what criteria was considered when determining this entity was worthy of a nearly 60% rate increase.

As such, I am requesting your department provide my office with complete and unredacted solicitation and response documents, as well as any communications related to Sunshine Residential Homes' most recent contract renewal with the Department of Child Safety. I expect a prompt and comprehensive response to this request.

Regards,

State Senator T.J. Shope