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Dear Governor Hobbs,

On behalf of Independent Women's Voice (IWV), we write to ask you to sign SB 1628, the Arizona Women's Bill of Rights, into law. This legislation should not be partisan or controversial. In fact, legislation has been supported and championed by both Democrats and Republicans across the United States.

Democrats and Republicans agree that the state has an important governmental interest in preventing sex discrimination. But we cannot fight sex discrimination if we cannot define 'sex'.

SB 1628 codifies the original meaning of basic sex based words in order to ensure that women's rights aren't compromised by judicial or administrative fiat. It ensures the accuracy of publicly collected data related to women and men and articulates Arizona's important interest in offering single-sex spaces to advance equal opportunity, privacy, safety, and fairness.

With SB 1628 heading to your desk, you have the opportunity to become the first female governor in the nation to sign the Women's Bill of Rights, firmly demonstrating that you stand with women, with science, and with common sense, — and with the vast majority of Arizonans who want this bill signed into law.

We hope you will take action soon.

Sincerely,



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