

Governor Katie Hobbs
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Dear Governor Hobbs,

Independent Women fights for women by expanding support for policy solutions that aren't just well-intended, but actually enhance freedom, opportunities, and well-being. Independent Women is also the author of the Stand with Women Act, which is the sex-definition and preservation of female spaces model legislation that has been implemented across the country.

We write to ask you to please sign HB2062 into law.

Legislation with the same language has been supported and championed by both Democrats and Republicans across the United States. Americans and Arizonans agree that Arizona has an important governmental interest in preventing sex discrimination. But we cannot fight sex discrimination if we cannot define 'sex.'

HB2062 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.

By defining common sex-based words—words like 'woman' and 'female' already used in 107 unique Arizona statutes—HB2062 will give meaning to common words so that Arizona courts have clarity when interpreting laws that already exist, something we wish wasn't necessary but has proven to be crucial to ensuring women don't lose their sex-based rights.

We were disappointed you vetoed this legislation last year. Since last year's action, it has become even more clear through polling and electoral outcomes that Arizonans support defining the two sexes. By signing HB2062, you have a second opportunity to stand with women, with science, and with common sense.

We respectfully request that you please sign HB2062 into law. Please stand with the over 3.5 million women and girls in Arizona. Thank you for your consideration.

For questions, email states@iww.org.

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Sincerely,

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