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April 22, 2026

The Honorable Katie Hobbs  
Governor of Arizona  
1700 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Governor Hobbs,

On behalf of the Arizona Sex Offender Management Board (AZSOMB), I write to respectfully express the Board's opposition to SB1709.

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The Honorable Steve Montenegro  
Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives  
1700 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Speaker Montenegro,

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The Honorable Janae Shamp  
Arizona House of Representatives  
1700 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Senator Shamp,

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The Honorable Warren Petersen  
President of the Arizona State Senate  
1700 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear President Petersen,

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The Honorable Wendy Rogers  
Arizona State Senate Judiciary Committee  
1700 West Washington Street  
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Dear Senator Rogers,

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The Honorable Oscar De Los Santos  
Minority Leader of the Arizona House of Representatives  
1700 West Washington Street  
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Dear Representative De Los Santos,

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The Honorable Alma Hernandez  
Arizona House of Representatives Judiciary Committee  
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Dear Representative Hernandez,

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The Honorable Analise Ortiz  
Arizona State Senate Judiciary Committee  
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The Honorable Priya Sundareshan  
Minority Leader of the Arizona State Senate  
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Dear Senator Sundareshan,

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Arizona House of Representatives Judiciary Committee  
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