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The Honorable Janice K. Brewer
Governor
State of Arizona

Re: Veto Legislation That Would Enshrine Discrimination into Arizona Law

Dear Governor Brewer,

On behalf of the League of United Latin American Citizens, the nation's oldest and largest Latino civil rights organization, I write to urge you to veto the "Religious Freedom Restoration Act."

Founded in 1929, our organization has fought discriminatory laws against Latinos and other minorities for decades. As such, we are greatly concerned about the negative impact that the "Religious Freedom Restoration Act" would have on countless of Arizonans, particularly our brothers and sisters of the LGBT community. According to some analysts, the legislative language of the "Religious Freedom Restoration Act" is so broad that any individual, corporation, institution, or business organization may be able to justify discrimination against LGBT individuals by claiming a religious belief. This could mean that:

- Local non-discrimination ordinances protecting LGBT individuals may be undermined.
- Licensing organizations may face interference with their professional regulations protecting LGBT individuals.
- Employees may bring litigation against employers who enforce internal nondiscrimination policies, including employer provided benefits for same-sex spouses (health insurance, retirement) and LGBT non-discrimination policies.
- Pharmacists may refuse to provide HIV and hormone replacement therapy drugs.
- Restaurants and inns/hotels may turn away same-sex couples celebrating an anniversary, adoption or pregnancy.
- Wedding garment shops, bakeries, photo studios, and reception halls may close their doors to same-sex couples planning their weddings.

Discrimination of any form is completely unacceptable. Given Arizona's recent controversy with Senate Bill 1070, which was struck down by the Supreme Court, I urge you to prevent another prolonged, divisive, costly, and litigious battle on another such law. Stand with ALL Arizonans by exercising your veto authority and rejecting the "Religious Freedom Restoration Act."

Please feel free to reach out to Luis Torres at latorres@lulac.org or [202-833-6130](tel:202-833-6130) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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