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Sunday, March 22, 2020

Speaker Russell Bowers
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington Street
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

This moment in time is unprecedented. The COVID-19 virus pandemic has changed everything, requiring steady leadership in an unsteady world. The people of the State of Arizona deserve and expect their legislature to take immediate proactive measures to protect them and their families during this pandemic.

The House Democratic caucus strongly recommends we join forces, cross the aisle, and vote yes on the Senate budget bills that appropriate 50 million to the Crisis Contingency and Safety Net Fund. A unanimous vote in support of the bipartisan Senate budget speaks louder than any words spoken in our chamber.

The \$50 million is to be used at the governor's discretion to mitigate the economic fall-out of the COVID-19 crisis for Arizonans. The fund will prevent evictions and foreclosures, provide services for the homeless, assist small businesses, and pay for food bank operations. Allocating the necessary resources to the agencies to help Arizonans through this crisis, with transparency and accountability, is a non-partisan issue we can all support. We also fully understand and expect that we will have many more issues to address as the days go by.

We respectfully ask that when the House reconvenes on Monday, March 23, 2020, that we pass the Senate budget bills with unanimous votes from both caucuses. We, the undersigned, are committed to providing yes votes for these important budget bills. We hope every member of your caucus is as well.

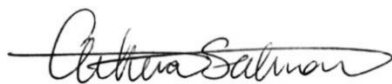
We look forward to your response on Monday morning.

Sincerely,

Respectfully,



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