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Via Email and U.S. Mail

The Honorable David Rhodes
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Sheriff Rhodes and Chief Cost,

In my letter dated June 28, 2024, I shared that the Governor's Office made arrangements to ensure your Anti-Racketeering Revolving Fund ("ARRF") funds will continue to be available whenever you seek to access them. I write to follow up on that letter and am pleased to confirm that the Governor's Office has successfully implemented that solution.

From the outset of the budgeting process, the Governor's Office contemplated and planned for the allocation of alternative funding to replenish the ARRF, as necessary, to ensure that local law enforcement agencies have the support they rely on to keep Arizonans safe. After finalizing an Interagency Service Agreement (ISA) with the Attorney General, the Governor's Office will be transferring \$10 million in ARPA funds to replace the revenue in the ARRF and support anti-racketeering government activities. When formulating the State's budget, the Governor's Office time and again sought to prevent cuts to public safety, despite the State's \$1.8 billion deficit, and we successfully negotiated with the Legislature to both protect public safety funding and invest additional dollars through the enacted budget.

While the Governor's Office does not expect an exhaustive drawdown of funds based on historical usage of the ARRF, this infusion of funding ensures the participating law enforcement entities that you lead and represent can access needed resources regardless of overall funding levels. The ISA we executed with the Attorney General's Office authorizes the Attorney General to immediately transfer the full \$10 million into the ARRF.

The undue confusion and alarm caused in your departments is regrettable. The Governor's Office always strives to ensure clear communication with our law enforcement partners, and we will continue to make public safety a top priority. Governor Hobbs stands with county sheriffs and chiefs of police to ensure resources are available for key law enforcement programs.

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We appreciate your partnership throughout this process. Governor Hobbs is proud to have delivered this critical funding to local law enforcement and looks forward to continued work to keep our communities safe.

Sincerely,

Sarah Brown

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