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April 10, 2020

The Honorable Doug Ducey
Governor of Arizona
Office of the Governor
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Ducey:

On behalf of the membership of Phoenix Community Alliance (PCA), please accept this letter as the collective voice of our membership and board of directors in encouraging you to reconsider and revise Executive Order 2020-14, to block residential evictions for non-payment of rent during the COVID-19 crisis.

The Executive Order, as written, stops enforcement of the writ of restitution upon written notice by the tenant that the tenant meets a qualifying documented standard related to COVID-19 that is established within the Executive Order. PCA requests that you revise the Executive Order to block landlords from filing residential eviction actions and obtaining judgments for rent and possession because of non-payment of rent during the COVID-19 pandemic. Allowing for evictions for non-payment of rent during this public health crisis could risk lives and cause unnecessary additional stress for already taxed nonprofit social service and government providers. We believe that this measured response is the best way to prevent more people from experiencing homelessness, and a strong step toward a complete approach. We also would ask that you engage with the appropriate agencies on equivalent protections for landlords regarding their mortgage payments, as some would not be protected and could face action for non-payment under current regulations.

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As background, PCA is a 36-year-old business leadership and advocacy organization for greater downtown Phoenix and has more than 250 members ranging from small non-profit community organizations to large corporations, from college students and private professionals to start-up businesses. Through PCA's advocacy committees, our members work to create a stronger downtown for a greater Phoenix and more vibrant and sustainable region. The recent Executive Order 2020-14 impacts one of PCA's Social & Housing Advancement Committee public policy priorities – eviction prevention.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter for the benefit of not only Downtown Phoenix residents, but also people living in cities, towns, and rural areas throughout Arizona.

Sincerely,

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