



June 10, 2021

Dear Senator Fann and Members of the Senate Rules Committee:

I write in strong opposition to a motion before the Senate Rules Committee today to allow late introduction of 22 previously vetoed bills, one of which presumably is identical to HB2070, a discriminatory bill that divides Arizona adopted people into two unequal classes based on the date of a person's adoption.

Introducing a bill on June 10—more than 40 days after scheduled adjournment and after advocates and those impacted by this issue have worked for months to educate the legislature on an important issue—is an embarrassment to solid governance. Your constituents and those impacted by legislation cannot effectively follow that legislation and be assured that actions you take yesterday or today are actions that have credibility tomorrow. Actions such as this damage the long-term trust given to legislators who must act transparently and in accordance with well-established rules.

Your choice for considering a vetoed bill is to override that veto, not to reintroduce a new bill in an effort to bypass the constitutional requirements to enact legislation.

I ask that you vote NO on allowing late introduction of these 22 bills, particularly one that is presumably identical to HB2070, a bill that was ultimately passed by the Senate in a close vote of 18-11 (1 absent) and that does not have the votes to override Governor Ducey's veto.

Let us continue to work on a better bill next session that satisfies the people impacted by the bill: Arizona-born adoptees and their families.

Best regards,

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/s/

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