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Dear President Fann,

On behalf of the Arizona business community, we thank you, Senator Bradley and the entire Arizona Senate for your service and commitment to the state and its residents during this difficult time. The COVID19 pandemic has created unprecedented challenges and uncertainty for all Arizonans, and as the leader of the State Senate, you have been faced with many difficult decisions.

We applaud your swift action as the public health emergency was declared during the middle of our legislative session. The Legislature acted quickly and in a bipartisan fashion to pass a fiscal year 2021 budget, authorizing \$55 million for the Arizona Department of Health Services to address the coronavirus public health emergency, and \$50 million in flexible and targeted COVID relief for Arizona.

We understand that many other legislative priorities were left unfinished as you face the difficult decision to *sine die*. However, we believe adjourning *sine die* is the right decision so that the Legislature's focus can turn to those issues pertinent to the COVID19 pandemic and Arizona's economic recovery.

As the regular legislative session comes to a close, we know your work is far from complete and we stand ready to help. Like you, the business community is evaluating policy proposals important to Arizona's economic recovery, most importantly addressing liability concerns stemming from COVID19 and taking swift measures to address budgetary shortfalls at the appropriate time, we are confident these can be addressed during a special session.

We thank you for your continued leadership during this challenging time and willingness to take action in the best interests of Arizona. We appreciate your partnership and communication with the business community and look forward to working with you to address future policy needs.

We are confident that Arizona can return stronger and we support you and your colleagues in the Legislature and the Governor's office to maintain the critical balance of prioritizing public health, while ensuring maximum economic activity continues safely. We know there is a lot of work ahead and we stand ready to assist in any capacity you may find helpful.

Thank you again for your leadership and service.

CC: All members of the Arizona Senate