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Roberto Rodríguez Hernández  
Consul General of Mexico in Phoenix  
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Dear Consul General Hernández,

Thank you for your recent letter. I too enjoyed our meeting in January, and I appreciate the ongoing opportunity for open dialogue.

Thank you for the information regarding efforts to improve the security provisions for Mexican Consular Identification Cards (MCAS). As you know, our legislature passed a law in 2011 that prohibits the state or any of its political subdivisions from accepting such forms of identification.

That law, Arizona Revised Statutes Section 41-5001, does not apply to private transactions such as those between a bank and patron. As such, private parties exercise their own discretion in deciding whether to accept MCAS as a form of identification for their purposes.

As the chief legal officer for the State of Arizona, it is my duty to defend and enforce the laws; it is not within my authority to rewrite or amend them. Any desire to update current laws will have to be addressed to the Arizona legislature.

I would be happy to discuss this matter further, if you wish.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Brnovich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark Brnovich  
Attorney General