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The Honorable Doug Ducey
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The Honorable Karen Fann
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The Honorable Rusty Bowers
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Dear Governor Ducey, President Fann, and Speaker Bowers:

We have all watched the video of George Floyd with shock and outrage. As Arizona's top law enforcement official, I hope Mr. Floyd's death will not be in vain but will serve as a catalyst for positive reforms.

Over the past several years the Attorney General's Office has provided de-escalation and cultural diversity training for our sworn agents. Although the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board offers training on these topics, they are not mandated. The time has come to require all law enforcement agencies to have robust de-escalation training that is regularly administered. Let's work together to set a new standard for Arizona's law enforcement training.

In addition, it is imperative that we maintain public confidence in the investigations following officer-involved shootings and excessive use of force. Arizona should ensure a third party oversees these matters. One option would be to designate the Attorney General to oversee these investigations as has been done in California and New York, and I would support that for Arizona. There are also other viable options to consider.

Finally, Arizona should pursue additional outreach programs by law enforcement to our communities, especially our younger generation. Whether it's a "Know Your Rights" campaign, or classroom presentations, it is clear that more needs to be done. Our office has some compelling ideas on where Arizona should go from here, and we look forward to working with you to bring these programs to fruition.

Goodness can come from even the worst situations. Let's honor the sincere concerns of the people we serve and advance the cause of justice.

Respectfully,

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

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