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Pima County Board of Supervisors

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

From: Matt Heinz, Supervisor, District 2

Date: October 16, 2025

RE: October 21, 2025, Addendum Agenda: The Effects of H.R. 1 ("One Big Beautiful Bill Act") on Refugee Communities in Pima County

Please place this on the 10/21/25 Addendum Agenda. I request that it be heard at a Time Certain of 10:30 AM. Thank you.

Board of Supervisors

Discussion/Direction/Action: Inviting Aaron Rippenkroeger, Melanie Reyes, and Meheria Habibi, International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Arizona, and Connie Phillips and Amelia Smith of Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest, to present to the Board of Supervisors about the effects of the "*One Big Beautiful Bill Act*," H.R. 1, on refugee communities resettled here in Pima County and Arizona – including the imminent loss of supplemental nutrition benefits (SNAP) for which refugee communities have historically always been eligible. Historically speaking, supporting refugee resettlement in the United States has always been a bipartisan issue.

For a detailed breakdown of H.R. 1's impact on refugees and other noncitizens lawfully present in the United States: <https://refugees.org/h-r-1s-impacts-on-refugees-and-forcibly-displaced-populations/>

cc: Jan Leshar, Pima County Administrator
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator
Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
Aaron Rippenkroeger, Executive Director, IRC in Arizona
Melanie Reyes, Phoenix Director, IRC in Arizona
Meheria Habibi, Tucson Director, IRC in Arizona
Connie Phillips, President and CEO, Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
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