RESOLUTION OF ARIZONA DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO CENSURE SENATOR KYRSTEN SINEMA FOR FAILING TO UPHOLD TENETS OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM

WHEREAS, the 2016 platform of the Democratic Party states that Democrats support progress toward more accountable governance and universal rights. As autocrats and strongmen around the world crack down on civil society and imprison those who speak out to demand greater freedom, we will continue to bolster groups and individuals who fight for fundamental human rights, democracy, and rule of law; and,

WHEREAS, Senator Kyrsten Sinema voted for the confirmation of William Barr to be Attorney General of the United States after Mr. Barr clearly signalled his support for President Trump's position against the investigation being conducted by Special Counsel Robert Mueller; and,

WHEREAS, Democrats support a free and open internet at home and abroad, and will oppose any effort by Republicans to roll back the historic net neutrality rules that the Federal Communications Commission enacted last year; and,

WHEREAS Senator Kyrsten Sinema was the sole Senate Democrat to fail to co-sponsor the Save the Internet Act; and,

WHEREAS, the 2016 platform of the Democratic Party states that Democrats will approach conservation of our public lands and waters in a way that reflects the diversity of our country, by actively engaging all Americans in the great outdoors and protecting natural landscapes and cultural sites that tell the story of America's complex history. ...We believe that personnel is policy. We will nominate and appoint regulators and officials who are not beholden to the industries they regulate—people with a track record of standing up to power and safeguarding the public trust. We will crack down on the revolving door between the private sector—particularly Wall Street—and the federal government; and,

WHEREAS, Senator Kyrsten Sinema voted to confirm David Bernhardt as Secretary of the Interior as he continues to lobby for the industries he served prior to his nomination by President Trump.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arizona State Democratic Party censures Senator Krysten Sinema for failing to support the tenets of the 2016 Democratic Party Platform.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arizona Democratic Party will communicate this support, in writing, to the AZ members of the Democratic National Committee, the AZ Democratic Congressional Delegation, and via a press release to the AZ media.

Submitted by the Progressive Caucus of the Arizona Democratic Party

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