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April 2, 2025

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.  
Secretary of Health and Human Services  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Secretary Kennedy,

I write with deep concern about yesterday's reduction in force at the Department of Health and Human Services, which has resulted in the closure of at least five regional Head Start offices—including the western office overseeing Head Start programs in Arizona—with no warning and no plan.

Head Start is a lifeline for Arizona kids and families. It ensures that kids have access to early learning programs, meals, and health care resources in the critical early childhood development years, from birth to age five. It's also one of the best investments the federal government can make—the payoff for our society and economy is \$7 for every \$1 spent.

The closure of the San Francisco regional office means that Head Start programs in Arizona now have *no one* to turn to to process grants, provide technical assistance, sign off on expenditures, or conduct oversight. It is entirely unacceptable to leave Arizona educators that care for some of our youngest and most vulnerable children without the resources and assistance they need.

The agency must immediately reverse course.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Stanton".

Greg Stanton  
Member of Congress