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VIA FACSIMILE

The Honorable Barack Obama
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am troubled by recent press reports suggesting that your administration has decided to sue to block Arizona's new immigration law, SB 1070.

If true, I firmly believe this is the wrong direction to go.

I believe your administration's time, efforts and resources would be much better spent securing the border and fixing our broken immigration system.

If there is one message that Washington should receive from the enactment of SB 1070, it is that Arizonans are fed up with waiting for the federal government to address this vitally important issue. And a lawsuit won't solve the problem. It won't secure the border, and it won't fix our broken immigration system.

The only thing that protracted litigation will do is once again demonstrate to Arizonans that Washington just doesn't get it. It will embolden those on all sides who prefer to grandstand and score political points, instead of working toward real solutions.

Arizonans are tired of the grandstanding, and tired of waiting for help from Washington.

I urge you to focus your administration's efforts on securing the border and helping to fix our broken immigration system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harry E. Mitchell".

Harry E. Mitchell
Member of Congress