

# AFFIDAVIT OF TRUTH REGARDING MANDATED REPORTING AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN UNDER ARIZONA LAW

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a resident of the State of Arizona, hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that the following is true and based on my firsthand knowledge, supported by publicly available documentation and state law:

## SECTION 1: PURPOSE

This affidavit is submitted in support of protecting children under the age of eighteen (18) from materials, acts, and omissions that violate Arizona's civil and criminal statutes-specifically regarding sexually explicit content in school libraries, emotional and psychological abuse, and the failure of mandated reporters to take appropriate legal action.

## SECTION 2: LEGAL DEFINITIONS AND CITED LAWS

### 1. Definition of a Child

Under ARS § 8-201(3), a "child" or "minor" is defined as a person under eighteen years of age.

### 2. Mandated Reporting Requirements

According to ARS § 13-3620(A), any person who reasonably believes that a minor is or has been the victim of physical injury, abuse, child abuse, a reportable offense, or neglect must immediately report the matter to the appropriate authorities.

This includes teachers, school administrators, counselors, librarians, and all school employees.

### 3. Failure to Report - Criminal Penalties

Per ARS § 13-3620(O), failure to report suspected abuse or exploitation of a minor is a Class 1

misdemeanor, and in certain cases involving serious offenses, a Class 6 felony.

#### 4. Mental and Emotional Abuse

Defined under ARS § 8-201(2)(b) as "the infliction of or allowing of harm on the mental, emotional or psychological capacity or condition of a child."

#### 5. Exposure to Harmful Materials - ARS § 13-3507 & 13-3506

It is illegal to knowingly furnish or make available sexually explicit material to a minor.

School personnel may not provide or allow access to such material in libraries, classrooms, or programs without violating the statute.

Violation is a Class 6 felony.

#### 6. Obscenity Definitions

Under ARS § 13-3501(2), obscene materials are those that appeal to the prurient interest and lack serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.

#### 7. Mental Health Risk

According to ARS § 36-520(A), children exposed to materials or environments that cause self-harm ideation, depression, or trauma may be entitled to intervention and protection under Arizona's mental health statutes.

#### 8. Equal Protections and Civil Rights

The Arizona Constitution, Article II, Section 8, guarantees the right to privacy, and Article II, Section 4 protects the rights of children and families under due process and equal protection.

### SECTION 3: AFFIRMATION

I affirm that I have reason to believe that the presence and promotion of sexually explicit, obscene, or

psychologically harmful material in Arizona public school libraries and classrooms constitutes a violation of the above statutes and endangers the safety, mental health, and development of children.

I affirm that any school official, employee, or government representative who has knowledge of these materials and fails to report or remove them may be in violation of the mandatory reporting law under ARS § 13-3620 and may also be complicit in the ongoing exposure of children to harm.

I respectfully urge all governing bodies-including the Arizona Attorney General, County Sheriffs, School Boards, and Education Department Investigators-to take immediate and lawful action to investigate and rectify these matters.

Executed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Arizona.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Notary Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Commission Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_