ARGUMENTS FILED IN SUPPORT OF
THE HOSPITAL EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION ACT

While healthcare costs in Arizona skyrocket, hospital CEOs make millions. Banner Health, HonorHealth, and other hospitals and hospital systems use taxpayer money to pay executives – with one executive receiving more than $6 million in a single year.

Hospital executives should not be paid 100 times more than hospital workers and far more than even highly skilled surgeons who save lives every day.

Arizona hospital executive receive these out-of-control salaries even at so-called non-profit hospitals that get huge tax breaks and government funding. Arizona taxpayers – and patients – pay these executives' salaries and deserve a say on commonsense limits.

Patient care money should go where it's needed most – providing the best medical care and attracting the most qualified and experienced doctors, nurses, and other professionals. But instead, hospitals are lining the pockets of bureaucrats who do not treat or provide care to patients.

In fact, some Arizona hospital executive salaries have more than doubled in the past five years – even though they were already making millions -- while health insurance costs have soared and the wages of hospital caregivers have been stagnant or even fallen. And a recent study showed that there was no connection between how much executives were paid at non-profit hospitals and the quality of care provided.

The Hospital Executive Compensation Act of 2016 limits the salaries of hospital executives to no more than $450,000 a year. It will allow the people of Arizona, whose taxes go to support these hospitals, to place reasonable limits on executive compensation. It also requires hospitals to ensure that the maximum resources are spent on providing quality care to patients.

Arizona voters can STOP out-of-control pay for hospital executives by voting for the Hospital Executive Compensation Act.

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