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Memorandum

To: Alcor Foundation family
From: Barry M. Aarons
Topic: Legislative Update – HB2637
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The time has come for each of us to weigh in on HB2637 which, if passed, would have devastating consequences on the future of Alcor. Attached is our one page briefing paper that we have been distributing to members of the Arizona Legislature.

Although over forty legislators signed on as co-sponsors we are finding as we contact them one by one that the support for this legislation may be a mile wide, but it is only an inch deep. Most members we talked to who signed on the bill are now saying that they did it as a favor to the sponsor, Representative Bob Stump, and would likely vote against it in its current form in committee or on the floor.

Attached is a directory of the Arizona House of Representatives. **Please contact every member of the House of Representatives by fax, email and by phone and urge them to vote against HB2637 when it comes up for Thursday's vote.**

If you receive a response from the legislators please let us know as soon as possible.

In the most polite and non-confrontational but firm way here is what you should say in either email or phone calls:

- Give them your brief credentials as to why you are calling: you are a doctor or researcher who works within our organization; you are an employee, you are a member of Alcor, you are a family member of an Alcor patient – in other words what your connection is.
- Thank them for their time and consideration.

- This bill is a solution without a problem. That no one has identified the public health or public safety reason for this proposal. **TELL THEM THAT NEITHER ALCOR, THE FUNERAL BOARD, OR THE ORGAN DONATION NETWORK WANTS THIS BILL TO PASS!!!**
- This bill would have the likely effect of eliminating our ability to continue cryo-preservation and cryo-preservation medical and scientific research in Arizona.
- Alcor was not invited to participate in the dialogue about this proposal until the very last minute and had virtually no input into the development of this legislation.
- Finally ask them if they will please vote against the bill (if you are talking to a secretary or legislative assistant ask them to have the legislator get back to you with how they will vote).

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or a member of my staff.