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House Bill 1045- Update

Dear Association Partner:

At a legislative hearing this morning at the State Capitol, the House Committee on Commerce took an important step toward privatizing SCF Arizona by voting unanimously, 7-0, to approved HB 1045, which will allow SCF to become a mutual insurance company . The bill now moves to the floor of the House.

As we reported to you Tuesday (April 6), nothing is final and this remains an ongoing process. Nevertheless, the support surrounding this bill was widespread and bi-partisan at today's meeting.

Senate President Bob Burns, in speaking before the House committee, said that over the years the state comp fund has "weaned itself from state oversight" and said, "I think it's time for them to become a private company and to remove any liability from the state . . . and that's essentially what we're doing here."

In announcing support for the legislation, Donna Davis, president and CEO of the Arizona Small Business Association, complimented SCF Arizona for being "extraordinarily supportive of small business" and said her association supports the bill because it sees no adverse affect on the small businesses her association represents.

The Arizona Homebuilders, AIA, the East Valley Partnership, the Arizona Builders Alliance, the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, and the Arizona General Contractors Association all filed forms of support for the bill. There were no statements in opposition.

In calling for the vote, committee chair Michele Reagan expressed excitement about the proposal that would permit SCF to become a mutual private company and said, "I think your time has come."

We will keep you informed as this process continues to move forward and we are happy to answer any questions.

Please feel free to contact Rick Jones (602) 499-5310 or myself (602) 692-5994 with questions if you have specific inquiries.

But remember, the process is just beginning and we will know more as it unfolds. Thank you for your trust and faith. Know that we value our relationship with you, now and in the future.

Sincerely,

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