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The Honorable Mark Brnovich  
Attorney General  
State of Arizona  
1275 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Attorney General Brnovich:

This letter is in regard to Arizona's April 18, 2013, request for certification of its system for providing counsel in postconviction proceedings for prisoners subject to a capital sentence. On August 22, 2017, the Attorney General directed the Office of Legal Policy to manage the certification review process for state capital counsel mechanisms under Chapter 154 of Title 28, United States Code, and the implementing regulations. *See* 28 C.F.R. Part 26, Subpart B; 78 Fed. Reg. 58,160 *et seq.*

This week, the Office of Legal Policy published a notice in the Federal Register and began a 60-day public comment period with regard to Arizona's request. As the Department of Justice (Department) begins review of Arizona's capital counsel mechanism, we would like to confirm that the materials previously submitted are still current. Accordingly, please advise the Department within 30 days of this letter if Arizona wishes to supplement, modify, or update its request for certification.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen E. Boyd".

Stephen E. Boyd  
Assistant Attorney General