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The Honorable Mark Brnovich  
Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General for the State of Arizona  
2005 N Central Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85004-2926

Dear Attorney General Brnovich:

I am writing to inform you that Attorney General Barr has granted Arizona's request for certification of its postconviction capital counsel mechanism under Chapter 154 of Title 28 of the United States Code.

The Attorney General's certification notice is being published in the Federal Register tomorrow and is available for public inspection on the Federal Register website as of this morning. The certification notice explains the basis for the Attorney General's decision and determines that Arizona has continuously had a postconviction capital counsel mechanism satisfying the requirements of Chapter 154 since May 19, 1998. The notice can be accessed at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/04/14/2020-07617/certification-of-arizona-capital-counsel-mechanism>

We hope this information is helpful. 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 cursive script that reads "Prim Escalona".

Prim F. Escalona  
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General