

## RESOLUTION ON CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PRIVATE PRISON COMPANIES

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WHEREAS, the Arizona Democratic Party believes that we can lead by example through adopting policies that further Democratic progressive ideals in campaign finance reform; and

WHEREAS, mass incarceration disproportionately and unjustly impacts communities of color; and

WHEREAS, private prison companies have poured millions of dollars into our political system in order to grow their political influence in Arizona and across the country; and

WHEREAS, private prison companies have a profit incentive to promote policies that will increase mass incarceration which is systemically decimating communities of color; and

WHEREAS, private prison companies are profiting from Donald Trump's cruel and immoral immigration policy that keeps immigrant families in indefinite detention; and

WHEREAS, as President Barack Obama said in his farewell address, "when trust in our institutions is low, we should reduce the corrosive influence of money in our politics, and insist on the principles of transparency and ethics in public service;" and

WHEREAS, many civil rights organizations are calling on all elected officials to refuse all contributions from private prison companies; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arizona Democratic Party will lead by example and refuse all donations from private prison companies, including but not limited to CoreCivic and The Geo Group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arizona Democratic Party will additionally make every effort to refuse donations from the registered lobbyists of, and any PACs associated with private prison companies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arizona Democratic Party encourages all Democratic local, state and federal candidates and Elected Officials in Arizona to refuse any donations from private prison companies, their registered lobbyists and any PACs associated with them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arizona Democratic Party will transmit this resolution and actively work with other State Parties and DNC Members to pass a similar resolution at the Democratic National Committee if one has not been passed already.