



May 7, 2019

Office of Governor Doug Ducey  
State Capitol  
1700 West Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Ducey,

On behalf of Vitalyst Health Foundation, I'm writing to express our ongoing commitment to support Senate Bill 1456 as an important advancement in vision health for Arizona's children. Once passed, this legislation will align Arizona's vision screening policies with those of forty-two other states, helping to ensure that our children are healthy and ready to learn.

Over the course of a multi-year stakeholder process, Vitalyst has worked with partners to craft legislation that streamlines a statewide approach to vision screening and addresses the infrastructure needed to effectively operationalize this legislation. Although a large majority of schools already administer vision screenings, we recognize that additional resources may be required to equip schools with the right tools.

Therefore, Vitalyst Health Foundation, Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust, BHHS Legacy Foundation and Arizona Community Foundation have collectively committed to investing up to a total of \$200,000 over the next five years to purchase additional vision screening kits for the Arizona Department of Health Services to help address schools' needs.

We thank you for this opportunity to express our commitment to SB1456, and we encourage your support in passing this promising legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Pfister". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Suzanne Pfister  
President and CEO  
Vitalyst Health Foundation

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