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**Arizona Medical Association Participates as Plaintiff in Lawsuit Against the State of Arizona
Defendants Charged With Enforcing SB 1457**

August 17, 2021 (Phoenix) — The Arizona Medical Association (ArMA), in alignment with its mission to protect physicians and patients, is participating as a plaintiff in the *Isaacson et al. v. Brnovich et al.* case filed in the United States district court today. ArMA will be represented in the lawsuit by counsel from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the ACLU of Arizona. ArMA is one of a number of plaintiffs in the case, along with individual physicians.

During the 2021 Arizona legislative session, ArMA actively opposed SB 1457 and urged members of the 55th Arizona State Legislature to vote against it on the grounds that it undermines the foundation of the physician-patient relationship and criminalizes physicians for providing legal medical care. Despite ArMA's strong opposition, SB 1457 passed the legislature and is scheduled to go into effect September 29, 2021.

"ArMA exists to support Arizona physicians and their patients," stated Miriam Anand, MD, ArMA President. "SB 1457 jeopardizes the ability of physicians to deliver medically appropriate care, and it endangers the foundation of healthcare, the physician-patient relationship. The relationship of physicians with their patients is founded on trusted, open, and honest communication. The implementation of SB 1457 would erode this trust and intrude upon a patient's informed decision-making."

ArMA is hopeful that the Court will protect physicians and the patients they care for.

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About Arizona Medical Association

The Arizona Medical Association (ArMA) is the largest organization in the state representing the interests of all physicians. Since 1892, ArMA has been advancing patient care and providing its members with leadership, advocacy, education, and community. For more information, visit www.AZmed.org and follow ArMA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).