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Mr. Robert Graham
Chairman
Arizona Republican Party
3501 North 24th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85016

RE: Objection to censure of Senator John McCain

Dear Chairman Graham:

I write to you today both as a proud Republican, and as Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, concerning the recent vote to censure Senator McCain. From personal experience I can tell you that Senator McCain has a long and exemplary record of service to this Nation as a staunch conservative who gets things done.

This vote was nothing more than a personal attack on a true American hero, and it pains me to watch my party act in such a disappointing and distasteful manner. A non-credentialed voice vote should never be accepted when the sole purpose is to defame someone, but especially so, when it comes to the top Republican in our federal delegation.

Knowing that this vote had to be cleared by you, I must request you to address this situation immediately. While I know you cannot conduct the meeting again, you can take a courageous stand with me and publicly acknowledge your support for Senator McCain, as a true conservative and American hero.

I look forward to your response, and feel free to contact my assistant Benjamin Notah at 520-562-9846 if you have any questions.

Most sincerely,

Gregory Mendoza
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