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Arizona Court of Appeals Affirms Dismissal of AG's Complaint Against Regents

Statement by ABOR Chair Larry E. Penley

"The Arizona Board of Regents appreciates the Arizona Court of Appeal's <u>decision today</u>, affirming the dismissal of the tuition case filed by the Arizona Attorney General.

"As the citizen board appointed to oversee public university education, we work diligently every day to address the paramount issues of access and affordability to quality education at Arizona's public universities.

"We share the Attorney General's stated goal to ensure Arizona's public universities remain within reach of Arizona students. Despite the challenges of massive funding cuts to public higher education, <u>Arizona State University</u>, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona remain among the most affordable universities in the country. Today, our students have lower than average debt and nearly 45 percent of bachelor degree earners graduate without debt.

"Increasing educational attainment in Arizona is a statewide imperative for our citizens and our economy. The board remains steadfast in our commitment to ensure tuition affordability and predictability for Arizona's students and ensure a quality higher education continues to remain within reach of Arizona families."

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