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Commissioner Bob Stump
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Dear Commissioner Stump,

The Association of Arizona Food Banks fully supports the Community Information & Referral (CIR) request to the Arizona Corporation Commission seeking that the Commission establish CIR as the lead Statewide 2-1-1 provider entity offering public access to health and human services through its long established information and referral service infrastructure.

In every community where service needs assessment was conducted, the need for a single number to call for access to information about and referrals to available community resources is identified as one of the most important community needs if not the primary need.

Having the availability of the easy to remember three-digit 2-1-1 telephone number to access information about and referrals to health and human services will be the single most important advancement the Commission can make to help people in need find available social service programs that can meet that need. Utilizing Community Information & Referral, Inc., an existing, experienced, and respected 45 year old non-profit community-based organization makes the best use of scarce resources.

We at the Association of Arizona Food Banks wholeheartedly support that CIR be designated the Lead 2-1-1 Entity in Arizona by the ACC as quickly as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Ginny Hildebrand
President & CEO

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