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Hello:

Thank you for sharing your concerns in your letter regarding public records and the Regulatory Sandbox program administered by the Attorney General's Office pursuant to A.R.S. Section 41-5601 Et. Seq., and thank you for your advocacy in public interest matters.

I am pleased to inform you that the Attorney General's Office had been in the process of reforming how the Sandbox is administered, so your letter had good timing. Moving forward, the office will produce publicly, upon request, the letters that the Attorney General's Office sends to entities being accepted into the Sandbox, which include the requirements imposed upon the Sandbox participant, as well as letters from our office that are sent to applicable state agencies for consultation regarding companies admitted to the Sandbox (with any necessary redactions that are required by law). In addition, I want to alert you to the fact that all companies who are current or former Sandbox participants are publicly listed and available on our Office's website.

Please note that these efforts in furtherance of transparency regarding the Sandbox program relate solely to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection and Advocacy Section's role in administering the Sandbox, and do not address the issues raised in your letter about public records responses by the Arizona Department of Financial Institutions (DIFI). This is because the interaction that the Consumer Protection and Advocacy Section has with DIFI concerning Sandbox applicants is through the specific role of our administration of the Sandbox program.

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Any questions or concerns regarding public records requests to agencies such as DIFI should be directed to those state agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your letter. Again, we appreciate your commitment to protecting Arizonans, transparency, and public interest matters in general.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vince Rabago". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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cc: Robert Bernheim, Antitrust & Privacy Unit Chief