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The Honorable Ken Bennett
President
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington Street
Senate Office Building
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1455: charter schools; sponsorship

Dear President Bennett:

Today I vetoed Senate Bill 1455, which would have allowed public colleges, universities and community colleges to sponsor charter schools.

I vetoed this bill for the same reasons that I vetoed Senate Bill 1085 on April 25, 2005, and refer you to my veto message on that bill. If anything, Senate Bill 1455 is worse than Senate Bill 1085 from last year because Senate Bill 1455 fails to include the explicit requirement set forth in Senate Bill 1085 that charter schools comply with the state's English language learner statutes set forth at A.R.S. §§ 15-751 *et seq.*

For these and other reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 1455.

Yours very truly,


Janet Napolitano
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Jim Weiers
The Honorable Dean Martin