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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 3, 2023

Representative Ben Toma
Speaker of the House
1700 W Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: HB 2056

Speaker Toma,

I have vetoed HB 2056.

HB 2056 creates regulatory confusion and uncertainty by forcing an unnecessary conflict between state law and the federal determination of Waters of the United States (WOTUS).

This contradiction between state and federal law threatens the delegation of primary enforcement authority for the Clean Water Act that Arizona has received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, creating a risk that regulatory programs would be removed from Arizona's control and handed back to the federal government.

Arizonans want elected officials to find real solutions to our water challenges. To this end, I look forward to working with the legislature on developing productive water policy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "KH", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

Cc:

President Petersen

Representative Diaz

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary Fontes