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KATIE HOBBS  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 19, 2023

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

Re: HB2469

Speaker Toma,

I have vetoed HB2469.

Fentanyl is a major threat to our communities and has claimed the lives of too many Arizonans. My heart goes out to families and loved ones of those lost to overdose.

As a government, it is our duty to ensure the safety of our communities. We do that by maximizing harm reduction efforts, ensuring people have access to affordable, high-quality health care, combating stigmatization of mental and behavioral health conditions, breaking down barriers to accessing opioid antagonists, and by investing in a robust public health infrastructure that will sustain that response well into the future.

This bill does not address any of those issues, nor does it acknowledge the chronic underfunding of our health department and other government services.

My door is always open to those who want to identify real solutions to promote the health and welfare of Arizonans - and who are willing to fund government services appropriately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie Hobbs", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Katie Hobbs  
Governor  
State of Arizona

Cc:  
President Petersen  
Representative Montenegro  
Secretary of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House  
Secretary Fontes

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