



STATE OF ARIZONA  
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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 St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: HB2545

Speaker Toma,

I have vetoed HB2545.

This bill would severely limit the ability of the state to respond in times of crisis. It unnecessarily politicizes what are often life or death situations, and adds an irresponsible burden of regulatory loopholes for the state to jump through during an emerging public health threat.

It is our shared constitutional duty as government employees to preserve the health and welfare of Arizonans. My administration will always follow the guidance of scientific and epidemiological experts when it comes to safeguarding our state against emergent threats, and I refuse to allow the legislature to play political games at the expense of human lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie Hobbs", with a long, sweeping underline.

Katie Hobbs  
Governor  
State of Arizona

cc:

President Petersen  
Representative McGarr  
Chief Clerk of the House  
Secretary of the Senate  
Secretary Fontes