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June 19, 2024

The Honorable Ben Toma
Speaker of the House
Arizona State House of Representatives
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

The Honorable Warren Petersen
President of the Senate
Arizona State Senate
1700 W. Washington Street
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RE: HB 2017, HB 2020, HB 2062, HB 2127, SB 1172

Speaker Toma & President Petersen,

Today I vetoed the following bills:

- HB 2017 assured water supply; commingling
- HB 2020 long-term storage; stormwater; rainwater; rules
- HB 2062 assured water supply; certificate; model
- HB 2127 assured water supply; certificate; effluent
- SB 1172 land division; water; transportation; turf

House Bills 2017, 2020, 2062, and 2127 threaten to erode the water protections Arizonans rely upon, and do not measure up to the real groundwater challenges we face. These bills would weaken and circumvent the Assured Water Supply regulations that provide consumer protection and promote sustainable water management.

I have also vetoed SB 1172. The concept at the core of this bill - conversion of agricultural lands to lower water use development - is a policy that has broad potential benefits and is one that my Administration supports. However, it is critical that the

legislation be carefully crafted to ensure that the water conservation savings and consumer protections are guaranteed. It is clear that the unique data among Arizona's Active Management Areas (AMAs) does not support universal adoption of this program across all four of the state's initial AMAs (Phoenix, Pinal, Prescott, and Tucson), and that more time is needed to develop this concept in collaboration with stakeholders and lawmakers to ensure the legislation is crafted appropriately. I remain committed to these discussions and finding a path forward to responsibly enact this concept.

While more work needs to be done on the "ag-to-urban" legislation, I have signed several key pieces of legislation that promote responsible development and continued sustainable growth, including SB 1081, SB 1181, and SB 1242.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KH' followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

cc:

The Honorable Gail Griffin
The Honorable TJ Shope
The Honorable Adrian Fontes