

## STATE OF ARIZONA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KATIE HOBBS GOVERNOR **EXECUTIVE OFFICE** 

April 2, 2024

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

RE: House Bill 2013: Water improvements program; nonprofit corporations

Speaker Toma,

Today, I vetoed House Bill 2013. This measure does nothing to move the needle on groundwater management or to provide the reforms that are desperately needed by rural communities who are facing depletion of their aquifers.

I have consistently stated that we need to address water policy in a holistic manner that provides real solutions for the challenges we face. I look forward to continuing to work with both the House and the Senate to craft a package of proposals that does exactly this.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs Governor

State of Arizona

cc:

The Honorable Warren Petersen

The Honorable Gail Griffin

The Honorable Adrian Fontes