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

RE: House Bill 2123: Wells; water measuring devices; prohibition

Speaker Toma,

Today, I vetoed House Bill 2123. This measure sends the message that Arizona is uninterested in sound management of our precious groundwater supplies. It also contains technical, legal, and practical issues - it would preclude the requirement for measuring devices in certain Irrigation Non-Expansion Areas, and may prevent cities, towns, or irrigation districts from requiring measuring devices on water withdrawn from their own lands and jurisdictions.

I have consistently stated that water policy needs to be addressed in a holistic manner that provides real solutions for the challenges we face throughout the state. 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 Austin Smith  
The Honorable Adrian Fontes