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The Honorable Ken Bennett
Senate President
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington
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The Honorable Jim Weiers
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2875: school facilities board; budget reconciliation
Senate Bill 1404: corporate tuition tax credit; amount

Dear President Bennett and Speaker Weiers:

Today I signed a comprehensive package of bills comprising the state's FY 2006-07 budget. I am pleased that in the end we were able to work together to enact a balanced budget that completes our investment in voluntary full day kindergarten; gives teachers overdue raises; makes needed new investments in science, roads, public health, and infrastructure; and offers Arizonans significant tax relief, while continuing to save a healthy balance in the state's rainy day fund. Clearly, we have come a long way from our billion dollar deficit of just four years ago.

As we discussed and agreed, however, I am returning with my veto House Bill 2875, a bill that again tries to alter the building renewal formula and that contains other provisions now duplicative of sections in other budget bills that I have signed today. Including Senate Bill 1394 from last year (which I vetoed on March 21, 2005 for other reasons), this is now my sixth veto of this proposed formula change. My reasons for doing so are the same as those set forth in my letters of May 20, 2005 regarding House Bill 2769, my May 28, 2004 line item veto message regarding Senate Bill 1406, my June 17, 2003 line item veto message regarding House Bill 2534, and my May 9, 2003 veto message regarding House Bill 2012. Fortunately, however, I have signed House Bill 2874, which, among other things, contains the $86 million appropriation we agreed upon to fund building renewal in FY 2006-07.

In addition, as part of our agreement, I have decided to allow Senate Bill 1404 to become law without my signature. Although I am skeptical about the wisdom of passing a second corporate tuition tax credit this year, I am accommodating your request that I allow this bill to become law.

Yours very truly,

Janet Napolitano
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Tim Bee
The Honorable Tom Boone