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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 2150: municipal and justice courts; jurisdiction

Dear Speaker Weiers:

Today I vetoed House Bill 2150, which would have expanded the jurisdiction of municipal and justice courts, including by giving them jurisdiction over 14 new chapters of the Transportation Code.

This bill is overbroad. One of the chapters over which it would have given these courts jurisdiction is Chapter 2 of Title 28, which deals with the statutory duties and authority of the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Transportation Board. This means municipal judges and justices of the peace could hear civil and misdemeanor criminal cases regarding whether ADOT or the Transportation Board have complied with their statutory responsibilities. Any such claims should be adjudicated in superior court, or another court of record as described in Art. VI § 30(A) of the Arizona Constitution.

For this and other reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 2150.

Yours very truly,

Janet Napolitano
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Tim Bee
The Honorable Andy Biggs