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The Honorable Timothy S. Bee
President
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington Street
Senate Office Building
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: SB 1228: sex offenders; monitoring; probation

Dear President Bee:

Today I vetoed Senate Bill 1228, which would have restricted the categories of persons who commit dangerous crimes against children and are subject to GPS monitoring.

Also today, I have signed Senate Bill 1231, continuing a Joint Legislative Study Committee to examine issues related to the GPS monitoring of persons convicted of dangerous crimes against children. That Committee is required to report to the legislature by December 1, 2008. Although I recognize that Senate Bill 1228 contains one of this Committee's initial recommendations, I am not prepared to narrow the category of child predators subject to GPS monitoring until the work of this Committee is complete and I am presented with more compelling evidence that doing so will not harm Arizona children.

For these and other reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 1228.

Yours very truly,

Janet Napolitano
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Jim Weiers
The Honorable Jim Waring