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July 13, 2009

The Honorable Kirk Adams
Speaker
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: HB 2258; Consumer Fireworks

Dear Speaker Adams,

Today I reluctantly vetoed House Bill 2258 *Consumer Fireworks*. I have been a supporter of responsible fireworks usage dating back to the time I served in the Legislature. However, I fear the language contained in this specific bill does not sufficiently address the risk of fire on federal, state, and county lands. As you well know Arizona is very susceptible to wildfire, particularly during our driest months.

Over the course of the last several days I have received numerous contacts from opponents deeply concerned about the ramifications of this legislation. They include contacts from multiple municipal jurisdictions including rural and urban elected officials. I have also received written opposition to this legislation from the United States Forest Service, as they share many state and local official's concerns over an increased potential for wildland fires.

I encourage the stakeholders to work together to develop a plan that protects individual rights and allows Arizona residents to enjoy fireworks in a responsible manner while also addressing the risk of fire on our local, county and state public lands.

Sincerely,

Janice K. Brewer

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cc: The Honorable Bob Burns
The Honorable Andy Biggs
The Honorable Ken Bennett

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