



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 30, 2013

The Honorable Andy Tobin
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: House Bill 2481 (permissible consumer fireworks; penalty)

Dear Speaker Tobin,

Today, I vetoed House Bill 2481, legislation that would have mandated the minimum penalty— a petty offense— for a permissible consumer fireworks violation within any county or city. The bill's language does not take into account different regional circumstances and local safety and fire concerns regarding the use of fireworks. This legislation would have unintended consequences negatively impacting Arizona. The risk and danger from fires started by fireworks are much greater in Arizona's rural areas.

These concerns are among the primary reasons I have vetoed House Bill 2481.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice K. Brewer".

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

cc: The Honorable Andy Biggs
The Honorable David Stevens