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April 23, 2014

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

Re: House Bill 2459 (state agency rulemaking; restrictions)

Dear Speaker Tobin,

Today, I vetoed House Bill 2459. This legislation would have prohibited state agencies from adopting new rules that would increase regulations on the free exercise of property rights, and limit a state agency to only adopting new or amended rules that are strictly ministerial.

When I became Governor, my first official action was to institute a rulemaking moratorium that would prevent additional burdens on Arizona's job creators. Since then, my administration has diligently and consistently sought new ways to eliminate burdensome regulatory mandates and streamline existing rules which bolster Arizona's economy.

In addition to the rules moratorium, my administration has implemented historic regulatory reform measures that have streamlined the rulemaking process, increased efficiency and service quality. Through these reforms we have unchained Arizona job creators from overburdening government regulations. Thanks to these reforms, Arizona now has more jobs, more businesses and is better positioned for sustained growth and prosperity.

While I commend the sponsor for the effort to reduce regulations, I believe this legislation would have unintended consequences negatively impacting state agencies ability to implement state law.

These concerns are among the primary reasons I have vetoed House Bill 2459.

Sincerely,

Janice K. Brewer

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cc: The Honorable Andy Biggs
The Honorable Eddie Farnsworth

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