



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 22, 2014

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

Re: House Bill 2517 (firearms; state preemption; penalties)

Dear Speaker Tobin,

Today, I vetoed House Bill 2517, which would have required a court to declare invalid any act or ordinance that violates state laws concerning the regulation of firearms. It also would subject an elected or other government official to personal liability while in the performance of their official duties.

A person or an organization, who perceives that an ordinance is illegal, already may seek remedies through the legal system. The bill also broadly mandates that a court make findings and take prescribed action without regard to consideration of facts. Furthermore, I am troubled by the vague and punitive provision that a person in violation of the statute is "subject to termination from employment."

These concerns are among the primary reasons I have vetoed House Bill 2517.

Sincerely,

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

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

cc: The Honorable Andy Biggs
The Honorable Steve Smith