STATE OF ARIZONA

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GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 5, 2014

The Honorable Ken Bennett
Secretary of State
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1282 (racing omnibus)

Dear Secretary Bennett,

Today, I signed Senate Bill 1282, while also exercising my line-item veto authority with respect to a specific appropriation. This legislation will, among other things, create an alternate form of pari-mutuel wagering for horse and dog racing known as advanced deposit wagering.

Pari-mutuel wagering has been permitted in Arizona since early statehood. The bill is explicitly clear that Arizona is authorizing advanced deposit wagering and expressly prescribes that the wager must be placed over the telephone. Senate Bill 1282 does not authorize and cannot be construed as authorizing internet gaming. In fact, Section 10 of the bill specifically addresses the intent of this legislation that internet gaming is not authorized. The Department of Gaming, as well as my staff, have met and discussed this legislation with various tribal groups and associations and there is an unequivocal consensus that this bill does not impact nor cause any issue relating to the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compact. It is the well-established position of the State that internet gaming is not authorized in Arizona and, if pursued, the State will steadfastly and aggressively litigate any attempt to commence internet gaming in Arizona.

Specifically, I have line-item vetoed the following appropriation which would have appropriated $1.2 million to the Arizona Breeders' Award Fund and the County Fair Racing Fund during a time when we are instead marshaling resources to fund child safety reform.

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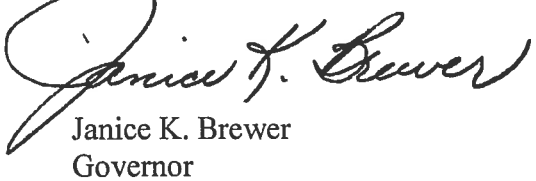
A. Arizona Breeders' Award Fund and County Fair Racing Fund

Section 6, page 15, line 24 strike "and", lines 25-28, and line 29 strike "by subsection I of this section"
Section 7, page 18, lines 31-35

Sincerely,



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