STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 24, 2014

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

Re: House Bill 1366 (firearm; definition)

Dear Secretary Bennett,

Today, I vetoed Senate Bill 1366, which would have changed the existing firearm definition, thereby excluding certain weapons that could cause a serious injury or a fatality. Those weapons would then be permitted into public buildings, including courts, community corrections facilities and polling places. Law enforcement officers also would be prohibited from temporarily taking such a weapon away from someone during an interaction or an interview.

Additionally, this bill removes the "readily convertible" definition of a firearm. As a result, that could permit an individual and an accomplice to carry two pieces of a weapon into a public building. Once inside, the weapon could then be easily reassembled as a firearm.

These concerns are among the primary reasons I have vetoed Senate Bill 1366.

Sincerely,

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

cc: The Honorable Andy Tobin
The Honorable Andy Biggs
The Honorable Rick Murphy

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