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March 30, 2015

The Honorable Andy Biggs
President of the Senate
Arizona State Senate
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Senate Bill 1145 (restoration to competency; state costs)

Dear President Biggs:

This afternoon I vetoed Senate Bill 1145. While I understand the sponsor's concern about the strain the cost of one individual's treatment at the Arizona State Hospital was placing on a small county's budget, the issue was already being addressed by the Arizona Department of Health Services. On the same day that this bill was passed, the court ordered the individual transferred to a different unit within the State Hospital. In doing so, it ended the financial liability on Santa Cruz County as well as negated the need for this legislation.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor
State of Arizona

cc: The Honorable Andy Biggs
The Honorable Gail Griffin