



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 2, 2013

The Honorable Andy Biggs
President of the Senate
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Senate Bill 1439 (legal tender)

Dear President Biggs,

Today, I vetoed Senate Bill 1439. This bill would have recognized specie coin authorized by Congress as legal tender in the state of Arizona. While I believe the concern over a devalued dollar as a result of an unsustainable federal deficit is justified, I am unable to support this legislation. I believe the provisions in this legislation need to be more carefully examined and there should be prior coordination with those government agencies tasked with the oversight of these transactions.

It is important to note that the administrative and fiscal burdens for both the taxpayers and the Department of Revenue remain vague. For example, it is unclear whether this legislation would require Arizona to exempt income tax related to a transaction involving collectable coins or bills that were originally authorized by Congress and may be used as legal tender. This would result in lost revenue to the State, while giving businesses that buy and sell collectable coins or currency originally authorized by Congress an unfair tax advantage.

These concerns are among the primary reasons I have vetoed Senate Bill 1439.

Sincerely,

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

cc: The Honorable Andy Tobin
The Honorable Chester Crandell