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May 19, 2023

Representative Ben Toma
Speaker of the House
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: HB2617

Speaker Toma,

I have vetoed HB2617.

One of my top priorities as Governor is keeping Arizona families safe. Constables are already able to carry firearms during the performance of their duties. I am concerned that this bill would have expanded the authority of constables to carry a gun while off-duty whereby some constables may choose to view themselves as having a "duty to respond" when they are off duty.

I look forward to continuing the work with the Legislature to find concrete legislative solutions that will keep Arizona families and constables safe.

Sincerely,

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Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

Cc:

President Petersen

Representative Bliss

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary Fontes
