



STATE OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KATIE HOBBS
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 12, 2023

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

Re: HB2675

Speaker Toma,

I have vetoed HB2675.

During my first 100 days as Governor, I have traveled to the border three times to meet with border officials and humanitarian organizations to see firsthand the issues at our southern border. Labeling drug cartels as terrorist organizations to deploy state resources is not a real solution and is not a state function. Under current state law, "terrorist organization" means any organization that is designated by the United States department of state as a foreign terrorist organization.

Additionally, the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) is an administrative grant management office whose main function is to administer a suite of federal homeland security grants. It is not a law enforcement agency. It's clear there is a lack of understanding of what AZDOHS is charged to do for the people of Arizona.

My administration has led roundtable discussions and listening sessions with many of our border NGO's, municipalities, and local government personnel to further coordinate resources. My focus will remain on creating real solutions and responding to the direct needs of the community. I look forward to continuing the work with our local, state and federal partners to proactively address concerns at our southern border.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie Hobbs", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

Cc:

President Petersen

Representative Montenegro

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary Fontes