



STATE OF ARIZONA
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KATIE HOBBS
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 2, 2024

The Honorable Ben Toma
Speaker of the House
Arizona State Senate
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: House Bill 2502: SNAP; mandatory employment; training

Speaker Toma,

Today, I vetoed House Bill 2502. I have significant concerns about how this legislation will affect the economic well-being of Arizonans participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

I also have strong concerns about how this measure will undermine our state's ongoing efforts to connect SNAP participants with high-quality training and job support services. The SNAP Career Advancement Network (SNAP CAN), which provides SNAP participants in Arizona with employment and training opportunities, is vital to strengthening our economy and moving our state forward, and I am proud of the progress made in this area. Instead of diverting our limited resources to lesser-quality supports, as is contemplated in this bill, I encourage you to join my Administration in expanding SNAP CAN's capacity and help all Arizonans reach their full potential.

Sincerely,

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

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

cc:

The Honorable Warren Petersen
The Honorable Leo Biasucci
The Honorable Adrian Fontes