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

RE: House Bill 2843: defense of premises; definition

Speaker Toma,

Today, I vetoed House Bill 2843. The legislation as written values property over human life and incentivizes vigilantism. This proposal would alter traditional laws on self-defense to allow the unnecessary use of deadly force and further embolden a culture of armed vigilantism and violence with impunity. This is yet another example of extremists in the Arizona legislature.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs  
Governor  
State of Arizona

cc:

The Honorable Warren Petersen  
The Honorable Justin Heap  
The Honorable Adrian Fontes