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

RE: HB2031 grandfathered right; Willcox AMA; extension

Speaker Montenegro,

Today I vetoed HB2031. Water users in the Willcox groundwater basin have been aware of formal AMA discussions since October 23, 2024. This bill, transmitted to my office the day after the grandfathered right application deadline with no emergency clause, threatens to create additional confusion and deprive water users of receiving their water rights by an additional year.

I vetoed this legislation last year, and do so again with the hope that we collectively move beyond these repeated attempts by some Legislative Republicans to delay and obstruct real groundwater protections.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

cc:

The Honorable Warren Petersen
The Honorable Gail Griffin
The Honorable Adrian Fontes