



**State of Arizona**

**Janice K. Brewer**  
Governor

**Office of the Governor**  
1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007

**Main Phone: 602-542-4331**  
**Facsimile: 602-542-7601**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
August 12, 2009

CONTACT: Paul Senseman  
(602) 542-1342  
psenseman@az.gov

## **STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR JAN BREWER**

"I trust the people of Arizona. But, I am deeply disappointed that some Members of the Arizona State Senate do not. They have so little trust in the voters, that they would once again delay the passage of a sound state budget, and deny the people an opportunity to protect critical funding for education, public safety, and care for our most vulnerable citizens. Their actions are irresponsible, create an increasing cost to state taxpayers and, if not resolved quickly, will do irreparable harm to our families and our economic future.

"I commend the courage, vision, and leadership of the Republican Members of the Arizona House and Arizona Senate and thank them for their support of a compromise budget package that could meet with my approval, address our historic shortfall, and provide a platform for a successful economic future. As I have stated on numerous occasions since I took office last January, the state budget is neither a Republican, nor a Democratic problem, it is a problem for all of Arizona and should be addressed promptly and responsibly. The Members of the House and Senate who have supported a pragmatic, reasonable resolution of the budget shortfall have my gratitude, and should be commended by the citizens of the State of Arizona.

"I intend to continue to work with legislators from both sides of the aisle to construct a budget package that will honestly and objectively address our state's massive budget deficit. Indeed those efforts are well underway this evening."

###