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April 17, 2013

The Honorable Andy Tobin
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: House Bill 2322 (rule making; restrictions)

Dear Speaker Tobin,

Today, I vetoed House Bill 2322. This legislation would have prohibited an agency from adopting new rules or amending existing rules that would restrain or burden the free exercise of vested rights, and restricted a state agency to only adopting new or amended rules that are strictly ministerial.

As Governor, my first official action was to implement a rulemaking moratorium that would prevent additional burdens on Arizona's job creators. Since then, my administration has diligently and consistently sought new ways to eliminate burdensome regulatory mandates, streamline existing rules and, ultimately, bolster Arizona's economy.

In addition to the rules moratorium, last session I signed into law House Bill 2744 which permits state agencies to conduct expedited rulemaking in order to streamline existing rules and increase efficiency and service quality. Through these regulatory reform efforts we have unshackled both business and governments from overburdening regulations. These efforts have been achieved in a fair and balanced approach that will benefit the citizens of Arizona.

While I can appreciate the effort to bring additional accountability to the rulemaking process, I believe this bill is a bridge too far. This legislation would have a broad negative impact on a state agency's ability to implement state law. Additionally, agencies and the public would be left with out-dated and burdensome rules until the Legislature updates the rules through statutory enactments.

These concerns are among the primary reasons I have vetoed House Bill 2322.

Sincerely,

Janice K. Brewer

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