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Federal Court Grants Governor Jan Brewer's Motion to Dismiss *Escobar* Challenge to Arizona's Immigration Law

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today announced that the federal district court has granted her motion to dismiss the challenge to SB 1070 filed by Tucson police officer Martin Escobar.

The Arizona Legislature enacted SB 1070 primarily to require that Arizona's law enforcement officers cooperate in the enforcement of federal immigration laws and, pursuant to the State's broad police powers, to adopt state crimes that mirror existing federal laws. These laws were duly passed by the Arizona Legislature to protect the citizens of Arizona from the federal government's failure to enforce the immigration laws.

In today's order Judge Susan Bolton agreed with the Governor that the challenger lacks standing to bring the suit and rejected every one of his arguments. "I am pleased with today's decision," stated Governor Brewer. "I strongly believe that Arizona will ultimately prevail in all of these legal challenges. My defense of the rule of law will continue," said Governor Brewer.

A copy of the district court's order will be available at www.azgovernor.gov.

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