



STATE OF ARIZONA

May 11, 2010

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

The Honorable Ken Bennett
Secretary of State
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: House Bill 2337 (Arizona manufactured incandescent light bulbs; regulation)

Dear Secretary Bennett:

Today I vetoed House Bill 2337. Despite any federal restrictions to the contrary, the bill would have allowed the possession, use, manufacture, purchase, installation, sale or exportation internationally of incandescent light bulbs manufactured in Arizona from Arizona raw materials and components.

While I have vetoed HB 2337, I share the bill's underlying sentiment. The federal government continually infringes on the rights of States guaranteed in the United States Constitution and by over-regulating the lives of everyday Americans. As Governor, there has not been a more ardent defender of the State of Arizona's Tenth Amendment rights -- from suing the federal government for overreaching its constitutional authority in the recently passed federal health care legislation to signing the Firearms Freedom Act (HB 2307) into law last month.

In fact, HB 2337 was modeled in large part after HB 2307. Both bills invite lawsuits that would restore our Founding Fathers' vision of a limited federal government based on the Tenth Amendment. I believe that the Firearms Freedom Act is the more immediate and practical vehicle for achieving this objective. The federal phase-out of the incandescent light bulb starts next year and is completed in 2014. HB 2337 would take many more years to achieve its goal because there are no active tungsten mining or mineral processing facilities in Arizona. Tungsten is necessary to manufacture the filament in incandescent light bulbs.

For these and other reasons, I have vetoed HB 2337.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice K. Brewer".

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

cc: The Honorable Kirk Adams
The Honorable Robert Burns
The Honorable Frank Antenori