



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER  
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 12, 2012

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

Re: House Joint Resolution 2001 (international forces; American soil; opposition)

Dear Speaker Tobin,

Today, I vetoed House Joint Resolution 2001. The resolution provides that the State of Arizona authorizes the use of organized resistance to thwart any international force that infringes on the United States Constitution or any of its amendments.

I unequivocally support protecting Arizona, our country and its Constitution, and individual gun rights. Moreover, I would not hesitate to exercise all authority vested in me and utilize all available resources to counter any attempt by any international force to cause harm to this State and its citizens. However, I disapprove of this resolution because I am concerned with the vagueness of its language and terminology. Many terms are undefined or ill-defined which leave this measure vulnerable to misuse, confusion and unintended consequences. Furthermore, it is unclear what endorsement, legal protections or financial liability the State of Arizona would incur by authorizing a citizens group to use organized resistance.

Sincerely,

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

Janice K. Brewer  
Governor

cc: The Honorable Steve Pierce  
The Honorable Jack Harper