



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER  
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 14, 2012

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

Re: Senate Bill 1182 (2012 NDAA act; governmental compliance)

Dear Secretary Bennett,

Today, I vetoed Senate Bill 1182. This bill prohibits any material support or participation by the State with the implementation of sections 1021 and 1022 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012 (NDAA). Additionally, the bill establishes a class 1 misdemeanor penalty for any State employee who enforces or attempts to enforce these sections of federal law.

While I unequivocally support the due process rights of all United States citizens, I cannot support legislation that forces law enforcement – under the threat of criminal penalty – to choose between upholding the Constitution and laws of the United States and abiding by the laws of Arizona. Any future legislation on this topic must contain precise language and be supported by key stakeholders, including the law enforcement community.

These concerns are among the primary reasons I have vetoed Senate Bill 1182.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Janice K. Brewer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Janice" being the most prominent.

Janice K. Brewer  
Governor

cc: The Honorable Steve Pierce  
The Honorable Andy Tobin  
The Honorable Sylvia Allen