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The Honorable Michele Reagan
Secretary of State
1700 W. Washington, 7th Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: **House Bill 2478** (sports authority districts; extension)

Dear Secretary Reagan:

Today, I vetoed House Bill 2478. This bill is unnecessary and could undermine some of the original protections in statute.

For our state's economy to succeed, it's important Pima County's economy succeeds. That's why I've placed such a focus on the region — whether it's working with local partners to recruit jobs in metropolitan Tucson or signing the extension of Rio Nuevo.

In 2010, Pima County was given the ability to attract and retain youth and professional sports teams using sports authority districts. Maricopa County used a similar tool in 2000, with the safeguards established by the Legislature both then and in 2010. Under the current law, Pima County has the ability to ask voters to create a sports authority district with these important protections.

I'm confident Pima County already has the necessary tools in its tool box for continued economic development.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor
State of Arizona

cc: The Honorable Steve Yarbrough
The Honorable J.D. Mesnard
The Honorable Todd Clodfelter