



STATE OF ARIZONA
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KATIE HOBBS
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 18, 2023

Representative Toma
Speaker of the House
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: HB2509

Speaker Toma,

I have vetoed HB2509.

This bill would significantly increase the risk of food-borne illness by expanding the ability of cottage food vendors to sell high-risk foods. It fails to establish sufficient minimum standards for inspection or certification of home-based food businesses, and could limit the ability of ADHS to investigate food-borne disease outbreaks. Nor does it provide a strong enough mechanism to ensure home kitchens are free of hazardous chemicals, rodent or insect infestation, or that equipment and storage of temperature-sensitive foods are adequate, functioning, or even existent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Katie Hobbs", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

Cc:

President Petersen

Representative Grantham

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary Fontes