



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 22, 2014

The Honorable Andy Biggs
President of the Senate
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1211 (Mexican wolf; taking; reporting)

Dear President Biggs,

Today, I vetoed Senate Bill 1211. This bill was designed to deal with the reintroduction of the Mexican wolf in Arizona. The reintroduction is being implemented under the construct of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). It is well known that I am strong supporter of states' rights; however, I believe Senate Bill 1211 is unnecessary and conflicts with federal law.

The bill would have directed the Arizona Department of Agriculture to engage in an issue that is being properly managed by the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD). The legislation also attempted to manage the Mexican wolf like other "protected" predators such as mountain lions and bears. A state simply does not have the power to allow a take on federal lands. Lastly, the bill requires the AZGFD to request information from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, something the department can already do.

These concerns are among the primary reasons I have vetoed Senate Bill 1211.

Sincerely,

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

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

cc: The Honorable Andy Tobin
The Honorable Gail Griffin