



JANE DEE HULL
GOVERNOR
STATE OF ARIZONA

May 19, 1999

The Honorable Betsey Bayless
Arizona Secretary of State
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: House Bill 2363 (plumbing commission; fund; contractor's fee)

Dear Secretary Bayless:

Today I vetoed House Bill 2363. This legislation would have established a new fee to be collected from plumbing contractors to support the operating expenses of the Arizona Uniform Plumbing Code Commission.

With the Governor's Regulatory Review Council's approval of the state uniform plumbing code, the Commission's principal activities are significantly reduced. Moreover, as the Commission has no licensing or other similar regulatory responsibilities, the need to hire staff, thus expanding state government, is unnecessary. The Registrar of Contractors will continue to provide the limited staffing that the Commission may require.

Consequently, in an era in which state government has consistently reduced taxes and fees on small businesses, I see no need to assess plumbing contractors with a new expense to support a Commission whose primary mission has already been completed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Dee Hull".

JANE DEE HULL
Governor

cc: The Honorable Jim Weiers