



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 18, 2011

The Honorable Russell Pearce
Senate President
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Senate Bill 1592 (health care compact; funding)

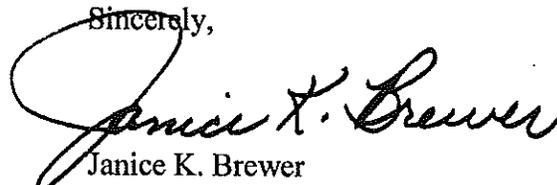
Dear Senator Pearce:

Today I have vetoed Senate Bill 1592. This bill directs the Governor to enter into a specific compact with other states on behalf of the State of Arizona. By *directing* the Governor to sign a compact, Senate Bill 1592 violates the separation of powers requirement established by Article 3 of the Arizona Constitution.

I am also concerned with the structure of the compact, which would result in additional fiscal challenges for our health care system. I share your goals of state autonomy and control over personal health care decisions. As you know, I have been working closely with Secretary Sebelius on my Medicaid reform plan, which will allow Arizona greater flexibility and control over the state-federal Medicaid partnership. However, I believe it is important to ensure our citizens, especially our seniors, are not penalized simply by the state assuming that control.

I continue to support efforts toward a better partnership with the federal government, and state authority over important health care programs, and I look forward to working with you on reforms to that end that protect our citizens and improve our health care system.

Sincerely,



Janice K. Brewer
Governor

cc: The Honorable Kirk Adams
The Honorable Nancy Barto

Senate Engrossed

State of Arizona
Senate
Fiftieth Legislature
First Regular Session
2011

SENATE BILL 1592

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING CHAPTER 38; RELATING TO A HEALTH CARE COMPACT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Passed the House April 11, 2011,

Passed the Senate March 3, 2011,

by the following vote: 40 Ayes,

by the following vote: 21 Ayes,

18 Nays, 2 Not Voting

05 Nays, 4 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House
Pro Tempore
Cheryl Laube
Chief Clerk of the House

[Signature]
President of the Senate
Charmain Bellington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

12 day of April, 2011,

at 1:50 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of

_____, 20____,
VETO
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this _____ day of _____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State

S.B. 1592