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Dear Mr. Woolson:

Thank you for your letter dated November 17, 2003. Governor Napolitano asked that I respond to you on her behalf regarding your concerns about cigarette butt litter and general litter and debris on our highways.

We in Arizona share your concerns and, because of budget cutbacks in recent years, we are working very hard at keeping litter services going by utilizing alternatives to paid services such as use of prison inmates for litter pickup and the Volunteer and Corporate Adopt-A-Highway Programs, whereby civic groups and corporate sponsors "adopt" a segment of highway and become responsible for its clean up.

Your letter offers a solution to states to help educate and report litterers through LitterButt.com, which would transmit electronic copies of litter reports to Arizona. We currently have a program in place to decrease litter on the prevention and education side through our Arizona Litter Hotline. The intent of our Hotline is to raise public awareness about litter and provide a method for public reporting of litter offenders. The Hotline is currently meeting our needs in this area. However, we appreciate your offer of LitterButt.com reports and your interest with regard to the importance of keeping our highways litter free.

If I can provide additional information or further assist you, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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