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AZ BORDER INVASION ACT PASSES LEGISLATURE

Arizonans want and deserve safe communities. Sadly, the invasion at the border has led to countless fentanyl overdoses, rapes, murders, human smuggling, child sex trafficking, high-speed chases, subsequent deadly car crashes, and other heinous crimes that are forever transforming our state and the lives of our citizens right before our eyes. Governor Hobbs has declared on numerous occasions her disapproval for the lawlessness caused by the Biden Administration's open border policies and her desire to take action to protect our citizens. SB 1231, the Arizona Border Invasion Act, is exactly what our local law enforcement needs and has asked for to rein in this dangerous criminal activity. The Legislature has done its job. We passed the bill this week, and it's sitting on the Governor's desk. Now is her chance to protect the citizens of Arizona by signing this bill into law, so that we can take the handcuffs off of our law enforcement and allow them to do their job. *-Senator Janae Shamp*



STRENGTHENING NATIONAL SECURITY

U.S. foreign adversaries such as China, Iran and Russia are increasing their threats to our critical infrastructure and national security. I'm proud Senate Republicans are taking these threats seriously. We've sponsored several measures to combat access to our critical infrastructure, including three that passed out of the Senate this week. SB 1208, which I sponsored, would prohibit critical telecommunications infrastructure from being constructed with, or having, equipment that is federally banned or manufactured by a foreign adversary. I also sponsored SB 1004, which had bipartisan support, to prohibit adversaries from purchasing, acquiring, or controlling any interest in agricultural land or land that is primarily used to harvest natural products in Arizona. SB 1340, sponsored by Senator Carroll, is also heading to the House for consideration. This bill would prohibit publicly managed funds from investing or depositing public monies in a bank that resides in a foreign adversary. *-Senator Wendy Rogers*





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SAFEGUARDING RURAL GROUNDWATER

From agriculture to commercial, and every industry in between, SB 1221 reflects the voices of our citizens from all across Arizona and empowers rural communities to take charge in safeguarding their groundwater supplies. I'm thrilled this bill passed out of the Senate this week. It's an innovative and collaborative groundwater management plan that ensures a bright future for Arizona. Our farmers and ranchers, who've cultivated Arizona land for decades, are some of the best stewards of water, as their livelihoods rely upon conservation. Their wisdom was critical in creating this policy. Because of a history of forward-thinking collaboration on water management demonstrated in Arizona, we use less water today than we did four decades ago, and I'm confident this tool will allow our state to continue on this trajectory. I look forward to watching this bill evolve as it continues its journey through the legislative process, and I'm urging the Governor to sign it.



-Senator Sine Kerr

CRACKING DOWN ON CHILD PREDATORS

It's sickening to know there are sexual predators in our society who are harming innocent children in unimaginable ways. Just a few weeks ago, Scottsdale Police announced the arrest of 158 people from a 12-day multi-agency operation targeting monsters involved in sexual conduct, exploitation, trafficking, and prostitution with children. Senate Republicans have made it a personal mission to hold these villains accountable with the full force of the law. I'm proud to have co-sponsored Senator Shamp's SB 1232. This bill increases punishment to life in prison for criminals who engage in sexual conduct with a child under the age of 13 and cause serious physical injury during the offense. The bill passed out of the Senate this week, and one would think the entire Senate body would support this legislation. Disturbingly, five Democratic Senators voted 'no' on the measure and showed their acceptance of the animals who are stealing the innocence of our precious kids.



-Senator Frank Carroll



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PROTECTING FREE SPEECH ON CAMPUS

Recent committee hearings made it clear that state resources have been previously used to inhibit students' fundamental rights to freedom of speech and expression on public university campuses. It's our obligation to ensure Arizona's public universities protect ALL students and that professors are not shut down or kicked out for having conservative views. I sponsored legislation to establish more transparency and hold the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) accountable for providing proper oversight of the public universities they were appointed to govern. Students from ASU Undergraduate Student Government came down to the Capitol this week to watch the legislative process in action as these bills passed out of the Senate with full Republican support. It was encouraging to hear these young leaders support my legislation to provide more transparency in the classroom. It's important to hear from students, as it's not simply parents or legislators seeking this change. *-Senator Anthony Kern*



PROVIDING TRANSPARENCY ON FUNDRAISING

It's important the public has access to information on those who are seeking to influence politicians to ensure accountability and prevent corruption. We all have the right to know who officeholders are accepting money from, how much they're raising, and what they're spending it on. Current law allows 4-year officeholders to go three years between elections without publicly disclosing their fundraising information. I sponsored SB 1571, which would amend the law to require a candidate to file a campaign finance report for each quarter of the 2-year period before the general election for the office they're seeking. You may have heard Hobbs' threats to campaign for Democrats to take over the Legislature when she took office. She was also the only 4-year officeholder who did not file an annual report this year, which I believe is a complete disservice to the public. Although this is personal for Republicans, this measure had unanimous, bipartisan support from the Senate.



-Senator T.J. Shope



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