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## GOVERNOR IGNORES ENERGY CRISIS

I'm incredibly frustrated over Governor Hobbs' lack of care, concern, and action with skyrocketing power bills detrimentally impacting residents living in the San Carlos Irrigation Project. My constituents in Florence and Coolidge are being taken advantage of by the federally owned company, managed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, who in August began imposing unreasonable and drastic rate hikes on customers for electricity by more than 250% in a single month! Sen. Kerr, Rep. Griffin, Rep. Martinez and I sent a [letter](#) to Hobbs on October 3rd requesting she advocate for these residents by fulfilling her duty to push back against the Biden Administration and find solutions to cut these costs. She has so far ignored us. As a direct result of her inaction, these citizens, many of which are living on fixed incomes, are facing the tough reality of not being able to keep their power on.



-Senator T.J. Shope

## RACIST KATE HOBBS PUSHES WOKE PROPAGANDA

Instead of focusing on real issues hurting Arizona citizens, like soaring inflation and an energy crisis, Katie Hobbs is attempting to once again appeal to the radical left by pushing woke, divisive and racist propaganda on to our public employees. She created the "Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility Council." The work of this Council will likely come into direct conflict with my recently enacted state law prohibiting this state, or any of its agencies, from using public monies for any sort of training that presents blame or judgment on the basis of race, ethnicity or sex, which is a foundational concept of diversity, equity and inclusion theory. Her effort is an obvious cover for her racist past of not only nominating an antisemitic to lead the Registrar of Contractors, but also for her wrongful firing of a black state employee that ended up costing Arizona taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages.



-Senator Jake Hoffman



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## BIDEN'S BORDER CRISIS SETS NEW RECORD

We've hit record numbers of illegal aliens crossing our southern border for the third month in a row, with my district, LD-19, which includes Cochise County, at the forefront of the invasion. The latest wave of almost 60,000 people in September continues to overwhelm our border patrol and border towns. We've seen just under 2.5 million illegals this fiscal year, and we're seeing border crossings from people who come from all over the world, not just Mexico. Our state has been left wide open to increased dangers, from terrorists to evolving drug cartels. The Biden Administration has left us vulnerable to an influx of crime, drugs, human smuggling, and child sex trafficking. Our resources are strained, and our facilities are overcrowded. While Joe Biden remains absent on this crisis, Arizona Senate Republicans will continue to prioritize support for border security. We must protect our local communities.



*-Senator David Gowan*

## FIGHTING TO RESTORE GCU'S NONPROFIT STATUS

GCU is a vital and innovative contributor to higher education in Arizona and throughout the nation. The university's commitment to providing accessible, affordable, and high-quality education has made it a leader in addressing the challenges facing universities and colleges today. It's appalling that GCU is being targeted by the weaponized Biden Administration simply because they are a faith-based college that is seeing a large growth in the student population. This is why I teamed up with other Republican Legislators and sent a [letter](#) to the U.S. Secretary of Education this week. We demand that the Dept. of Education stop the tyranny by recognizing GCU's nonprofit status. We cannot and should not be harming an institution that contributes so significantly to our state and nation in education, economic success, and workforce development. GCU has the full support of AZ Senate Republicans.



*-Senator Janae Shamp*



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## IMMERSING OUR YOUTH IN STATE GOVERNMENT

Since 2007 I've had the honor of serving in the Arizona State Legislature. I take immense pride in being a part of this great state and working in inspiring and empowering institutions, like the House of Representatives and the Senate. This week, I had the opportunity to give students from Fountain Hills Middle School a tour of my old stomping grounds, the House, while they visited the Capitol. The class included 15 German foreign exchange students. On the tour, I walked them through the process of how a bill becomes a law, how monumental changes can come from the Legislative branch, and shared the importance of participating in state government. Did you know the original Capitol building was completed in 1901 and was converted into a museum in 1979? The museum is free for the public to visit. I encourage every Arizonan to [visit the Capitol](#) and soak in the rich history of AZ.



*-Senator John Kavanagh*

## SUPPORTING RETAILERS AND CONSUMERS

Arizona retailers are an important component to the economic stability of our great state. From small, independently owned mom and pop shops to big box stores, I want to ensure this industry can effectively do business in an efficient manner, without jumping through unnecessary bureaucratic hoops, in order to serve our Arizona consumers and meet demands to the best of their ability. There are a number of challenges our retailers face today that they didn't a decade ago, from changing spending habits of consumers under the weight of soaring inflation, to increased instances of shoplifting, so my goal has been to keep dialogue open to help these businesses navigate any struggles they may encounter. I was honored and humbled this week to be recognized for my support and open communication with this industry by the Arizona Retailers Association as their 2023 Legislator of the Year.



*-President Warren Petersen*



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