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## THREATS OF TERRORISM INCREASE DUE TO OPEN BORDER

This week, FBI Director Christopher Wray warned of an increased risk of terrorist attacks on U.S. soil. He's been very open about the serious threat of terrorists entering our country through our southern border. The sense of urgency to secure our border has never been greater, yet the Governor still refuses to act. This week, she vetoed a measure to keep criminals from returning to our country. Currently, someone facing deportation can leave the country, have their probation terminated and reenter the U.S. off probation. The bill would have prohibited the court from using deportation as the sole reason to terminate a criminal's probation. In the coming weeks, we will be sending more measures to address the border crisis to the Governor's desk. This includes a bill to create tougher penalties for drivers who endanger the life of another person while attempting to flee law enforcement. If she continues to veto, we will work to put measures on the ballot for voters to decide.



*-President Petersen*

## HOBBS FUELS HIGH HOME PRICES IN ARIZONA

Recent reports revealed Arizona is now among the least affordable states to buy a home, and in order to purchase a typical house in our state, you must make a six-figure salary. When you compare that to the median household income of about \$70,000, you can see how problematic our housing situation is. The average Arizona home sale price has increased by 65% since 2020, which is astronomical. This is the type of inflation that kills hope of accomplishing the American dream of home ownership, or even worse, puts people on the streets. Republican lawmakers, including myself, have worked hard this session to prioritize relief in this area. I co-sponsored the bipartisan Arizona Starter Homes Act, which the Governor vetoed, choosing to side with bureaucrats instead of citizens such as military veterans, teachers, law enforcement, young professionals, and seniors. Make no mistake, Republicans are still focused on helping our citizens cope with high inflation caused by reckless Democrat policies.



*-Senator Sonny Borrelli*



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## REPUBLICANS POLICIES ATTRACT JOB CREATORS

TSMC announced its enthusiastic efforts this week to increase investments into our state's semiconductor factories and build a third chip plant in Arizona. This is a major win for our state. They could have chosen to set up shop anywhere else in the country, but I believe their partnership with Arizona is a testament to the hard work set forth by both past Republican Governors and state lawmakers who prioritized business-friendly laws and investments into expanding infrastructure. Because of this historic investment, our state will see an enormous increase in job growth and will strengthen its position as a global player in business and technology. The project is expected to create 25,000 direct construction and manufacturing jobs, along with thousands of indirect jobs. The impact of this investment will have a meaningful and positive impact on our state for generations to come.



-Senator Frank Carroll

## PROTECTING ARIZONA HOMEOWNERS

The issue of squatters taking over people's homes is growing exponentially across the nation, including here in Arizona. People are scheming to take over homeowner's properties, posing a threat to their safety and property rights. Arizonans are particularly vulnerable because of the number of snowbirds that leave their homes unoccupied for months at a time. Although we have trespassing laws, it's often difficult to prove a person is unlawfully occupying a home and can result in a lengthy legal battle. I introduced SB 1129 to combat this issue by allowing a homeowner to request law enforcement immediately remove that person from the property. It's important to note, the bill was written to address strangers occupying a home, not someone who has lived in the home with the owner or with permission of the owner. Therefore, it protects against situations involving domestic violence. We must put an end to this criminal activity. This bill will soon make its way to the Governor's desk, and I urge her to sign it.



-Senator Wendy Rogers



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