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2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Opening Day of the Fifty-sixth Legislature, Second Regular Session is fast approaching. Our Caucus is busy working on policies we believe will improve the lives of our citizens and make Arizona a better place to live, work, start a business, raise a family, and play. We'll remain laser-focused on easing the burden of rising costs for our citizens by tackling gas prices, housing supply, and teacher pay raises. We'll continue to stop dangerous California-style policies from being implemented in Arizona. We'll remain unified in protecting freedoms and constitutional rights, advocating for family values and safe communities, promoting free market principles and limited government, and stopping radical ideologies from infiltrating the way of life and the opportunities we've established over the past decade for all Arizonans. We've recently compiled our 2024 Senate Majority plan outlining our goals for the upcoming session. You can read it [here](#).



-Senator Sonny Borrelli

REPUBLICANS WORK TO LOWER GAS PRICES

After two consecutive years of fuel prices surpassing the \$5 per gallon mark in communities across Arizona, Republican lawmakers are working to ease the financial burden hitting hardworking Arizonans when they fill their gas tanks. We hosted a press conference this week announcing our plan to prevent out-of-control price hikes at the pump. I'll be introducing legislation in 2024 addressing the fuel blend requirements in Maricopa County responsible for sending prices soaring during supply disruptions. The bill will create a free market solution by allowing retailers to offer a total of eight fuel blends, all with similar clean air benefits, as opposed to just two. Our working-class citizens are struggling in this economy. Turning a blind eye to crippling gas prices is like throwing salt on their wounds. As lawmakers, we should do everything in our power to improve the lives of our citizens who elected us to represent them.



-Senator Justine Wadsack



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BIDEN MUST IMMEDIATELY ACT ON BORDER CRISIS

Every week, we continue to have human smugglers, murderers, rapists, drug dealers, child sex traffickers, and terrorists entering our state, as record-breaking numbers of illegals cross our border. Biden has sent a message to the entire world that our southern border is wide open, and this is the consequence. Meanwhile, the closure of the Lukeville Port of Entry continues to impact trade, tourism, and the daily lives of Arizonans who live in these rural parts of the state. We need resources and funding sent to the border now, and we call on President Biden to act immediately. The U.S. Supreme Court has made it clear that the border is the responsibility of the Federal Government, therefore our hands are tied in many areas when it comes to the border. But, if the Federal Government isn't going to step up or enforce existing law, then we need a law allowing states to enforce immigration policy and deport those entering Arizona illegally. I joined News Nation this week to discuss the border crisis, you can listen to the interview [here](#). *-President Warren Petersen*



COLORADO RIVER WATER NEGOTIATIONS

I joined hundreds of people from across the seven basin states who have a stake in the future of the Colorado River water supply at the Colorado River Water Users Association conference this week. Solutions were discussed for the seven states, including Arizona, that rely on water supplied from the Colorado River based on recent studies and current proposal. It's critical that we have conferences like this where discussion, collaboration and solutions can be forged. Historically, Arizona has been a leader in creative solutions and conservation measures that have helped support the Colorado River supplies in the lower basin states. Arizona is also unique in that our statute requires the legislature to bless any final agreement entered into by the state with the other Basin States and the federal government. In addition to being a part of these important conversations, I look forward to bringing forth new legislation in the upcoming session to focus on our most precious resource.



-Senator Sine Kerr



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