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FIGHTING BIDEN'S LAND GRAB

This week, President Biden displayed extreme government overreach by confiscating nearly a million acres of land within Arizona. I condemn his dictator-style land grab. This move will hurt the economy and our national security by devastating critical industries like mining and cattle ranching. Unfortunately, his administration circumvented Congress and provided very little notice or opportunity for public comment before seizing this land. This is not how government should function within Arizona or the United States. Frankly, we don't need or want the federal government coming in and dictating to Arizonans how to protect Arizona. We know better than Washington what is best for our lands and our citizens. This federal overreach is completely unacceptable, unconstitutional, and likely violates the Statehood Enabling Act. We will use all legal options available to protect Arizona.



-President Warren Petersen

HALTING MINING HAS DIRE CONSEQUENCES

House Majority Leader Leo Biasiucci and I rallied members from our Caucuses and deployed to Kingman hours ahead of Biden's visit to hold an emergency meeting with local officials, citizens, and business owners impacted by this federal land grab. We also voted to formally oppose Biden's reckless action. The fact of the matter is, this publicity stunt to appeal to his radical environmental base will have dire consequences for national security. He wants to halt the mining of the minerals we need every day in construction, manufacturing, agriculture, and our energy supply, not only in Arizona but across the country. This is crippling our ability to meet demands and increasing our reliance on foreign nations considered adversaries to the U.S., such as China and Russia. The FBI has even warned that China is the greatest long-term threat to our nation. Biden is completely aloof and endangering our citizens.



- Senator Sonny Borrelli



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HYDROGEN INDUSTRY IN ARIZONA

I'm a member of the Hydrogen Study Committee which met this week to hear testimony regarding the opportunities the hydrogen industry can provide for Arizona. The purpose of the committee is to investigate and evaluate existing state and federal laws, regulations and funding sources and recommend legislation related to the production, use, distribution and storage of hydrogen. In a couple weeks, we'll submit a report with our recommendations to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives that will include an economic impact analysis of the potential hydrogen value chain in this state. I believe we should always be looking for ways to utilize energy resources and bolster our state's economy. This committee meeting was very insightful, and I'm encouraged about the potential impact this industry could have on Arizona.



- Senator Sine Kerr

ARIZONA AIR QUALITY

We also had a very insightful Joint Legislative Ad Hoc Study Committee on Air Quality and Energy. The purpose of this committee is to gather information from experts and the public about local recommendations for attempted compliance with EPA rulemaking determinations regarding ozone nonattainment. After listening to testimony from Tim Franquist, the environmental director at the Maricopa Association of Governments, and legislative policy advisory Amanda Reeve, I was encouraged to hear that over the last 20 years, we've significantly reduced our ozone levels in Arizona, even while experiencing a very large population increase. While nobody wants to breathe polluted air, the goalpost for ozone regulation seems to be continuously moving. I believe the state of Arizona knows what's best for the state of Arizona. I'm looking forward to more meetings before the committee submits a report on its findings at the end of the year.



-Senator Frank Carroll



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BIDEN'S FAILED BORDER POLICIES

Sierra Vista is one of many communities in Southern Arizona impacted by President Biden's failed border policies. On Tuesday, Republican members of Congress hosted a joint committee field hearing here to investigate the atrocities occurring everyday and the impacts on our citizens. Cochise County Sheriff Mark Dannels gave gripping testimony on how our local law enforcement resources are stretched thin and can't keep up with the crime associated with our open border. Murders, rapes, car crashes, human smuggling, child sex trafficking and deadly drugs are spilling across the border, overwhelming resources and putting our residents' lives at risk. Cartel are also using social media to recruit people who are desperate for money to carry out their smuggling efforts. This is a crisis that needs immediate attention, but President Biden is nowhere to be found.



- Senator David Gowan

HELPING FAMILIES IMPACTED BY ALZHEIMER'S

I have memories from when I was a little boy of my great grandmother battling Alzheimer's Disease. My aunt was tasked with caring for her, and it was a constant struggle for everyone. That experience motivated me as a Senator to advocate for resources at the Capitol for those families dealing with the same hurdles and heartbreak that we felt. On Wednesday, I was honored to be recognized by the Alzheimer's Association with their "Legislative Champion Award" for my work this year on legislation to fight Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia through funding provided to the Arizona Department of Health Services. There are 150,000 Arizonans right now inflicted with this brain disorder that gradually destroys memory and the ability to carry out everyday tasks. Early, accurate diagnosis is something we're trying to improve.



- Senator T.J. Shope



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