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HOBBS KILLS LEGISLATION TO LOWER HOME PRICES

The Governor sided with bureaucrats this week instead of the hundreds of thousands of Arizona citizens who are unable to pursue the American dream of homeownership. Thanks to her veto of the Arizona Starter Homes Act, affordable starter homes remain illegal to build in our state. The housing shortage crisis is so dire in Arizona, Sedona just passed an ordinance allowing people to sleep in their cars. Every day, we hear from active-duty military, veterans, young families, young professionals, firefighters, teachers, police officers, service workers, and seniors on fixed incomes who are either facing the grim reality of becoming homeless, or are being prevented from purchasing a home because of the reckless government regulations imposed by cities and towns. Instead of listening to our citizens, she's listening to the people who created the problem. This legislation had strong bipartisan support, and this veto will certainly go down as one of her biggest failures. *-President Warren Petersen*



SENATE DEMOCRATS SUPPORT BORDER INVASION

Senate Democrats are turning their back on Arizona, just like Biden has turned his back on America. This week, the Democrat senators pictured on the right walked out of my committee on Military Affairs, Public Safety, & Border Security in protest of hearing bills aimed at securing our southern border and protecting Arizonans against the horrific crimes associated with the invasion. This criminal activity has more than doubled in some areas of our state, including my home of Cochise County. Sadly, Senators Gabaldon, Diaz, and Bravo refuse to even have a conversation on solutions to protect our citizens. They disgracefully chose to pose for photos, rather than listen to powerful testimony and discussion regarding several solutions, including the mirror to my Aggravated Unlawful Flight bill, which would create tougher penalties for drivers who endanger the life of another person while attempting to flee law enforcement. Our law enforcement and the citizens of Arizona deserve more respect. *-Senator David Gowan*





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SENATE REPUBLICANS VISIT BORDER TOWNS

I recently joined Republican colleagues for a trip to Cochise County to meet with law enforcement on the border and community members experiencing the crisis every day. We were reminded how the Arizona Border Invasion Act would provide much-needed tools to protect our citizens. I modeled this bill after Texas' SB4, which made headlines this week as it continues through the litigation process. I want to commend Governor Abbott for fighting for the state he was elected to govern and for paving the way for other states to do the same. The Arizona Border Invasion Act will soon head back to Hobbs' desk. If she vetoes it again, our goal is to send it to the ballot for voters decide. We know the border invasion is the most important issue your elected leaders should be working to solve. When the federal government fails in its duties, those duties fall to the state. When the governor fails in her duties, our citizens should choose how to proceed. We will not stop fighting.



-Senator Janae Shamp



BILL TO LOWER GAS PRICES GETS GREEN LIGHT

Arizona gas prices are climbing again, and there's currently no end in sight. In the past month, the state's average rose nearly 40 cents, and prices will likely hit the \$4 a gallon mark in the coming weeks. Maricopa County is switching to its summer blend of gasoline, which is a rare boutique blend that costs Arizonans more money to fill their tanks with than the national average. I'm happy to report my legislation to bring gas prices down for our hardworking citizens has passed out of the Senate, and just this week, passed out of the House Committee on Natural Resources, Energy & Water. This bill will allow more readily available gas blends with similar environmental benefits meeting EPA standards to be sold by retailers in the event of a supply disruption or a shortage. We believe we can save drivers at least 50 cents a gallon. This is real money that adds up, especially with inflation as high as it is. I'm confident we can get this bill on the Governor's desk, and I'm optimistic she'll sign it.

-Senator Justine Wadsack





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EXPANDING KAYLEIGH'S LAW

I'm proud to share that our fight to hold accountable criminals who commit sex crimes, particularly when they involve our children, is gaining momentum. My bill, SB 1436, was signed into law this week. It expands "Kayleigh's Law" to allow victims of stalking, strangulation in domestic violence, and voyeurism to obtain lifetime injunctions against their offenders. "Kayleigh's Law" took effect in 2022 and allows victims of dangerous crimes to obtain lifetime injunctions against their abusers. Kayleigh Kozak helped spearhead the measure and has been a strong supporter of other efforts to increase penalties for these crimes, including a ballot referral I sponsored to give voters the opportunity to decide if criminals who engage in child sex trafficking should face life in prison. It targets offenders who are convicted of a class 2 felony and would block eligibility for any form of release. It officially passed out of the legislature this week and will be on the November ballot.



-Senator Shawna Bolick



FIGHTING BIDEN'S ELECTRIC VEHICLE MANDATE

Government should never tell you how to travel, or what type of car to drive, but that's exactly what the Biden Administration is doing. The EPA just issued a massive regulation requiring nearly two-thirds of all new car sales to be electric by 2032. This mandate creates an unrealistic and unachievable goal not only for the auto industry, but for our infrastructure, which will cost billions of dollars to transform. It will also make the United States more dependent on China, threatening our national security. Our electric grid will be in jeopardy. The cost of goods will dramatically increase. Countless American jobs will be killed. Traffic crashes will be more dangerous and deadly, as these types of vehicles have incredibly hazardous batteries. The average person can't even afford a \$50,000 electric car. This rule is completely out of touch with reality and will greatly harm our nation. President Petersen is currently pursuing a lawsuit against the federal government to block this radical regulation.



-Senator David Farnsworth





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