ARIZONA SENATE REPUBLICANS WEEK IN REVIEW





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REPUBLICANS ARE PROTECTING THE ARIZONA WE LOVE

When you think of Arizona, you can't help but think of freedom. Freedom to keep the money you earn. Freedom to send your kids to the school you want. Freedom to start a business without layers of red tape. And freedom to work - our licensing reform has become a national model. But now more than ever, maintaining the freedomloving culture of our state won't happen by accident. It takes work, and Republicans in the state House and Senate are on the front lines of that work every single day. These are unprecedented times, but just know, you can count on us to wake up every day and fight to protect the Arizona we all know and love - a place of immense freedom and opportunity. We intend to keep it that way. This excerpt is from an oped Senate President Petersen and House Speaker Toma published in the Arizona Capitol Times. You can read the full article there.



SEE YOU IN COURT

I have given the green light for the Arizona Senate to file a lawsuit against the Biden Administration for its recent unconstitutional land grab. The blatantly unconstitutional move of confiscating nearly a million acres of land within Coconino and Mohave Counties to designate as a "national monument" is nothing more than a publicity stunt to appeal to his radical environmental base, while in tandem creating dire consequences for the livelihoods of our citizens, Arizona's economy, as well as our nation's energy supply. Using the guise of creating a 'Grand Canyon' national monument in a remote area that is not even connected to the Grand Canyon is completely disingenuous. This move has nothing to do with protecting the Grand Canyon. It has everything to do with fulfilling his tyrannical desires to block responsible mining and agriculture production in an effort cater to the extremists who elected him into office. I look



-President Warren Petersen

forward to fighting on behalf of Arizona in court.

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DINO COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO REJECT HOBBS' NOMINEE

The committee was extremely disappointed after testimony in Thursday's DINO hearing revealed Hobbs' appointment to the Arizona Department of Housing is unqualified to lead this agency. During questioning of Joan Serviss, troubling information came to light regarding a history of repeated and seemingly pervasive plagiarism while serving as Executive Director with the Arizona Housing Coalition. Over a period of about four and a half years, an alarming number of individual statements were documented as written by other groups, but presented by Ms. Serviss as her own original works. Under her leadership, both government entities and the public were misled, threatening the credibility of this organization. Given this concern, a majority of members on the Committee found it extremely difficult to fully grasp Ms. Serviss' true experience and qualifications. The Committee voted three to two recommending to reject confirmation of Ms. Serviss.





-Senator Jake Hoffman

ADDRESSING OUR STATE'S HOMELESS CRISIS

It's been reported that the homeless population in Pima County has increased 60% over the last 5 years. As a member who lives in and represents Pima County, it's incredibly alarming to see such a large increase. The person who takes over as the head of the Department of Housing needs to have a grasp on the strategies that work and don't work to address homelessness, such as creating dedicated areas to encourage congregation of homeless populations like the Zone in Phoenix, or putting showers in public parks. There are some tremendous faith-based organizations that are stepping up to provide a hand up for this population, but we must all work together to create solutions. I am willing to work with anyone, from either party, to tackle the homeless crisis.





-Senator Justine Wadsack





HOBBS' SECURITY GUARD NOW HEADS OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY?

The Arizona Republic wrote an article exposing the fact that Hobbs secretly gave her campaign security guard a job as director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. So, the guy who acted as Candidate Hobbs' security guard gets a cushy six-figure job in the Governor's Office when she's elected, yet there are no campaign finance reports detailing how much he was paid OR who paid him during the campaign? Team Hobbs says he was paid privately. The people have a right to know how dollars are spent and on whom those dollars are being spent. "Paid privately" still must be counted as an "inkind" contribution in the records, so where are they? The Senate will be looking in to this and how to further close whatever loophole the Governor's team believes they've found, so people are clear that they must comply with AZ law. We can't allow this to be another of the many scandalous personnel decisions made by the Governor.





STREET RELEASE OF ILLEGAL ALIENS IN COCHISE COUNTY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection began the street release of illegal aliens into Cochise County on Wednesday after reaching their capacity to legally hold them. An alarming amount of them were released into Bisbee, Douglas and Casa Grande. Cochise County Sheriff Mark Dannels called the release in a press conference on Thursday, "Another reflection of the fracture within the DHS infrastructure regarding the security of our southern border." I would have to agree with that. It's an absolute shame that illegal aliens are being bussed to our communities, that are not even equipped to take them in, and dropped off. While I'm thankful to have someone like Sheriff Dannels committed to keeping our communities safe, there's only so much you can do when the federal government is perpetuating absolute chaos at our southern border. We need to start prioritizing our country's safety.









UNCONSTITUTIONAL NEW MEXICO GUN BAN

I'm appalled at what has transpired in the great state of New Mexico. Their radical Democrat Governor is setting a dangerous precedent by violating their law-abiding citizens' constitutional right to protect themselves, their family, and their property against dangerous criminals. Every single American should be outraged at the reckless political agenda that continues to be forced by the Left to control you and undo the principles of freedom, liberty and democracy established by our nation's Founding Fathers. While Governor Katie Hobbs has also launched her own battle against the firearms industry this year by vetoing my proposed legislation, SB 1096, I promise to fight back to protect your second amendment rights and to prevent any discrimination against you for exercising them. The Republican-controlled Arizona Legislature will also continue to serve as a check and balance to block any unconstitutional mandates issued in an effort to undermine your freedoms.



-Senator Frank Carroll

TROUBLING UARIZONA NURSING SCHOOL CURRICULUM

There was an image shared by a whistleblower and posted to social media recently that depicted a lesson plan on "asking pediatric patients about gender identity" from inside a classroom at UArizona Nursing School. The image reveals nursing students are being taught to start asking patients as young as three years of age if they "feel like a girl on the inside, feel like a boy on the inside, neither, or both." I'm absolutely sickened that this institution of higher learning is perpetuating the lie that a person's gender is based off feelings and not their God-given biological sex established upon conception. This is completely groomer garbage that strives to confuse our kids in an effort to cater to the evil that is being accepted by today's society. As a nurse, I am so disheartened that the next generation of nurses are being hijacked of their capabilities to deliver ethical care.



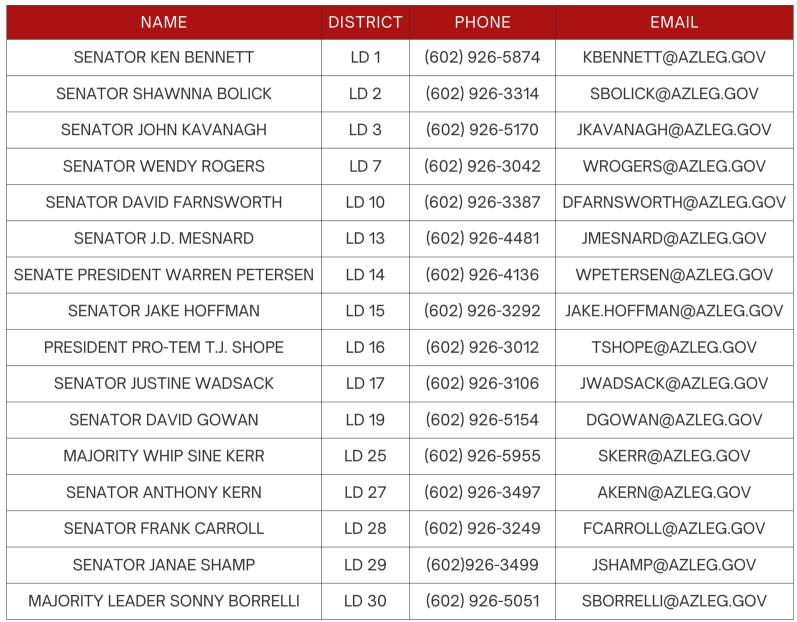


- Senator Janae Shamp

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