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REPUBLICANS PRIORITIZE BORDER SECURITY

Arizona Democrats in power have shown us, with every 'no' vote and veto of our border security legislation, they're not concerned for the safety and well-being of our citizens, nor do they have any care for the wasted taxpayer dollars being used to mitigate the fallout from Joe Biden's border crisis. They're utterly tone deaf to the realities Arizonans are facing. This week, HCR 2060 received its first reading in the Senate. We will soon adopt a 'strike everything' amendment to HCR 2060, turning it into a ballot referral asking voters to consider approving the Secure the Border Act. This measure would establish in Arizona law several border-related crimes with punishments, empowering local law enforcement to protect our citizens. Republicans are committed to securing the border and returning sanity to our state after the chaos Democrats have perpetuated with our Governor leading the charge. *-President Warren Petersen*



DEMOCRAT POLICIES ARE COSTING YOU MONEY

Reckless policies implemented by Joe Biden and supported by Democrat lawmakers have caused the inflation nightmare currently costing you more of your hard earned dollars. Americans are now paying nearly \$1,100 more each month compared with just three years ago. If you were hoping to buy a house soon, don't expect relief in the near future, as 30-year mortgage rates are sitting above 7%, the highest level in 20 years, and the feds indicated this week they may not cut rates in 2024 while inflation remains high. Gas prices are surpassing \$4 per gallon in Arizona, when they were just \$2.50 at this time four years ago. Our citizens are spending 11% of their disposable income on food, which is the highest level in more than three decades. More and more working class citizens are relying on credit cards to cope with rising costs, as one in three consumers are currently maxing them out. Senate Republicans remain focused on easing these financial burdens, despite the out of touch priorities Biden, Hobbs, and Democrat lawmakers are pushing. *-Senator T.J. Shope*





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GETTING FASTER ELECTION RESULTS IN ARIZONA

Unfortunately, Arizona has consistently been in the national spotlight for the length of time it takes our state to determine winners of races after Election Day. There are a variety of reasons, as well as a variety of inefficiencies within the state's vote counting process, which can lead to months passing before a winner is declared. I believe we can improve this situation, so Arizona voters can have the confidence knowing that when they cast their ballot, accurate results will be provided in a timely fashion. Before this session wraps up, my goal as Chair of the Senate Committee on Elections is to get a ballot referral tackling this issue passed out of the Legislature, with all Republicans in support, so voters can weigh in on it this November. We're currently examining proposals requiring on-site tabulators in polling places on Election Day and for early voting, as well as tightening up the timeline for the allowance of dropping off mail-in ballots at polling places.

-Senator Wendy Rogers



REMOVING BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT

I worked with the Alliance for Safety and Justice to help make Arizona a safer place to live, as well as to help those individuals who are released from prison acclimate successfully back into society and become productive members contributing to their communities. Typically, when people are unable to get a job, secure a place to live, or provide for their families, they have a greater chance of reoffending and often end up back in prison. My bill, SB 1367, was recently signed into law and will create a pathway for folks to get a job quicker after being released by expanding access to occupational licenses for non-serious offenses. This measure was supported by Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice, which includes thousands of members here in Arizona. This legislation will benefit our state by filling job vacancies, stopping cycles of crime, and improving the safety of our citizens. This is a win for crime victims, as well as for our citizens who are in search of a second chance.

-Senator Shawna Bolick





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PRO-HAMAS PROTESTORS INVADE UNIVERSITIES

Pro-Hamas protests are popping up all across the nation at our college campuses. We must send a message that terrorists, and those who support terrorism, will not be tolerated. We've seen how these vile protests have turned hostile, violent, and destructive toward students and law enforcement, including in Flagstaff, Tempe, and Tucson at our public universities. Adults who admit to being communists were not only present at the UA encampment, but they've helped orchestrate the chaos. Our public universities should not be places for the belligerent support of terrorism and communism that promote hate, aggression, intimidation, and racism. These protestors are anti-Israel and are proliferating antisemitism against Jewish students who are fearing for their lives. I'm calling on the Board of Regents to put an end to these destructive, terrorist-supporting events immediately. I will be working to create legislation to legally prevent this from happening in the future. *-Senator Justine Wadsack*



DEMOCRATS USE TAX DOLLARS ON DRAG SHOWS

In another gross misuse of taxpayer funds, Arizona Democrat lawmakers collaborated with Planned Parenthood to host 'Drag Story Hour' at the Capitol this week to encourage parents to transition their kids. The Democrats who orchestrated the inflammatory and perverse event were misleading and deceptive in their request to hold it inside the House, otherwise it would never have been allowed to happen. Video from the event clearly shows the entertainer telling parents to "listen" when their kindergarten-aged children tell them they feel they're a different gender, while encouraging the transition of minors. That's your taxpayer dollars hard at work to push woke ideology. I've crafted several pieces of legislation to fight against their efforts, including a bill that would require a teacher to contact parents if a student asks to be addressed by a pronoun that does not match his or her biological sex. We must protect our children from lunatics wanting to indoctrinate them. The madness must stop. *-Senator John Kavanagh*





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