

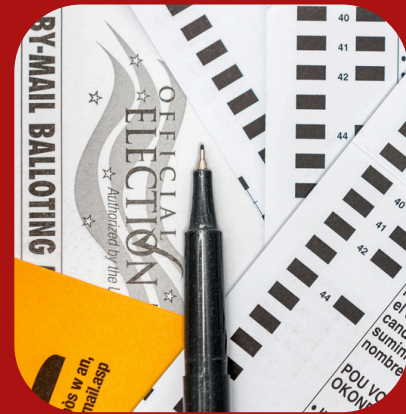


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FIGHTING TO STRENGTHEN ELECTION INTEGRITY

Much has happened over the past month in our legal battle to enforce Arizona's laws on proof of citizenship for voter registration. Two liberal judges with the Ninth Circuit engaged in judicial warfare and overturned the voices of four other judges who ruled in July that Arizona voters registering with a state form must provide proof of citizenship or face rejection. We took the case to the U.S. Supreme Court and filed an emergency stay application. As a result, SCOTUS reversed the ruling. While I'm grateful for this small step in the right direction, our fight for election integrity is far from over. Individuals living here illegally are still able to register using a federal form without providing proof of citizenship. They must only attest they are lawful citizens, then they're able to vote in the presidential and congressional races, as well as by mail. We will continue litigating this issue in the coming months with a goal of ensuring only legal U.S. citizens are casting a ballot.

-President Warren Petersen



'SECURE THE BORDER ACT' HEADS TO BALLOT

Providing our law enforcement with the tools and support they need to keep our communities safe from crime is a top priority of mine. This is why I voted in favor of sending the 'Secure the Border Act' to the November ballot. The Joe Biden and Kamala Harris Administration abandoned its duties to enforce our immigration laws. Democrats with the Arizona Legislature continuously voted against Republican bills to address the dangers our citizens are facing because of the border crisis. And sadly, Governor Hobbs joined them in turning her back on the security of our state each time she vetoed our bills. After one more last ditch effort by liberal Democrats and special interest groups to deprive voters of the chance to take border security matters into their own hands this November, I'm relieved to report the Arizona Supreme Court ruled this month the 'Secure the Border Act' will appear on the ballot.

-Senator Shawna Bolick





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HOBBS VIOLATES STATE LAW IN DIRECTOR SCHEME

I'm happy to share a victory for the citizens of Arizona, as it appears Governor Hobbs' fake director scheme is coming to a close. This month, she admitted she violated state law with her attempts to circumvent the Senate confirmation process for director nominations and has agreed to submit new candidates for consideration. We spent the past year working to hold Hobbs accountable with a lawsuit. In September 2023, after a Senate committee recommended a nominee accused of plagiarism not be confirmed, Hobbs sent a letter to President Petersen notifying him she was going to evade the senate-confirmation process and withdrew 13 director nominations still pending before the Senate. She then re-installed these same individuals with a fake title of "Executive Deputy Directors." Governor Hobbs is not above the law. I'm thankful the insanity and chaos she created is over, and the Senate looks forward to reinstating our confirmation process so that we can continue serving as the critical check on executive appointments.



-Senator Sine Kerr



RACIST IDEOLOGY HITS HIGHER EDUCATION

Although I'm a proud Arizona State Sun Devil, there's no denying my alma mater has used taxpayer resources to engage in problematic and discriminatory behavior in recent years. ASU mandates faculty to take diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) training that includes extensive emphasis on discriminatory and racist topics such as "white supremacy," "white privilege," and "white fragility". This training has included supplemental readings such as "Ways White People Can Combat Their Privilege" and "Explaining White Privilege to a White Broke Person." This is nothing short of discrimination. Your Republican-led Legislature filed an amicus brief this week in a lawsuit against Arizona State University/ the Arizona Board of Regents for unlawfully mandating this racist DEI training for faculty because we refuse to normalize discrimination in higher education, or anywhere in the state of Arizona.



-Senator T.J. Shope





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PRIORITIZING A SMOOTHER DRIVE

Maintaining our transportation system should be a top government function, but this principle has fallen by the wayside for many years, creating a bumpy and hazardous drive for hardworking Arizonans and the truckers bringing goods into our state. According to Arizona Department of Transportation data, a large majority of our roadways outside of the Phoenix and Tucson metro areas were constructed in the 1960s or earlier. As a result, an overwhelming portion of the roadways ADOT is responsible for preserving has aged past service life. Current funding from all state and federal sources only allows for the repaving of about 1% to 2% of all lane miles per year. This means these surfaces are only receiving necessary rehabilitation every 50 to 100 years! As Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, I'm dedicated to finding responsible ways to enhance the funding stream for our transportation system to function as necessary and appropriate. *-Senator David Farnsworth*



GUARDIANS OF SMALL BUSINESS

I'm proud to have been among a small group of Arizona legislators to receive the Guardian of Small Business Award from the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the state's leading small business advocacy organization. My colleagues, President Petersen and Senator Shope, also received this award for their work. NFIB holds legislators accountable for the way they vote on important small business issues. I believe that state government should follow the same financial guidelines that any responsible individual or family would follow: spend only what's necessary, don't rack up debt, invest in your learning, save for the future, and when times get tough, find responsible ways to trim. We should also create and protect policies that allow small businesses to thrive in our state. I have always voted on legislation with those beliefs in mind. This session, I received a 100% on the NFIB Arizona voting record. *-Senator J.D. Mesnard*





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