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NEW STATE LAWS TAKE EFFECT

Hobbs vetoed many of our bills, but the ones that were signed without emergency clauses took effect Monday. Among the new laws, is the AZ Families Tax Rebate that began going out to families this week. Taxpayers with dependents can expect up to \$750 via check or direct deposit. Other new laws include SB 1299, which prevents state elected officials from breaking the law by misusing public funds to influence the outcome of an election. Additionally, Senate Republicans championed SB 1582 in order to stand up for crime victims who now have the option of a permanent lifetime injunction against contact from an offender. A new safeguard to protect homeowners from deed fraud also took effect which requires notification when such documents are recorded. These are among many of our legislative accomplishments this past session which you can read more about [here](#).



-Senator T.J. Shope

THE HOUSING CRISIS TAKES A POSITIVE TURN

More people are moving to Arizona now than ever before. This influx of people into our beautiful state is a true testament to the appeal of Arizona's economic opportunities and lifestyle. Yet, we are still in the midst of a housing crisis which Senate Republicans remain focused on addressing. As of Monday, SB 1103 took effect and will help cut through the red tape developers are facing, speed up the home-building process and increase inventory. This legislative initiative promotes homeownership, paves the way for more affordable housing options and will soon provide relief for our citizens who are hurting from soaring housing prices by quickly increasing supply. It's a pivotal step in the right direction to address the housing deficiency by encouraging, enabling, and stimulating the production and preservation of affordable housing options for Arizona families.



-President Warren Petersen



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TASK FORCE ON K-12 FACILITIES SPARKS LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS

There's a new committee in charge of making recommendations for the standards of school facilities that is supposed to be a collaborative effort between stakeholders and experts called the Governor's Minimum Adequacy Guidelines Modernization Committee. However, key stakeholders have been left out of the conversation. The governor's new task force seems to be a one-sided effort. When Governor Hobbs creates committees like these, she's missing out on the diversity that is vital to ensuring that productive solutions can be reached. If you want to hold school buildings to higher standards, you need voices from the people who are directly impacted by them, as well as experts who don't personally benefit from being on the committee. We all want better schools and, to do so, we need lawmakers and community members involved in these discussions and decisions.



-Senator Ken Bennett

CONGRATULATIONS ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS!

All of Arizona was rooting for another World Series title, but we are so proud of our team nonetheless. This season exceeded fan's expectations and gave our great state memories that will last a lifetime. We owe a big thank you to the organization for everything they've given us. Arizona truly is a great state for sports and a major destination for events that positively impact our economy. From the World Series to Spring Training, the Super Bowl, NCAA March Madness, the Phoenix Open, and many more, we're extremely proud of our Arizona sports teams and facilities. These events bring in fans from all over, filling our restaurants, hotels, and retail shops, and supporting our small businesses. It's a win-win for both sports lovers and our local economy! Again, thank you D-backs for an incredible season, let's celebrate a bright future and thriving sports scene in Arizona!



-Senator Sine Kerr



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