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IMPORTANT PROPOSITIONS FROM THE LEGISLATURE

We are just days away from a crucial election that will help determine the future of Arizona and our nation. Republicans at the Legislature spent tireless hours working to provide voters with the opportunity to have the final say on the key issues our state is facing. Despite Democrats voting 'no' on our proposals, we voted in support of sending Propositions 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 311, 312, 313, 314, and 315 to the ballot. Included is the "Secure the Border Act" (314), which would provide law enforcement the authority to arrest illegal border crossers to keep our communities safe after the Governor vetoed our original bills to address the crisis. Also, the "Children Are Not For Sale" measure (313) would protect children from sex trafficking by deterring this evil practice with a life imprisonment sentence for the offenders. Make your voices heard! Send in your ballot no later than October 29, or vote in person on November 5- just be prepared for lines.



-Senator Shawna Bolick

INCOMPETENCE UNDERMINES ELECTION INTEGRITY

We told you last month about a lawsuit Senate Republicans joined to protect 97,000 Arizona voters from being deprived the right to cast a ballot in state and local races due to a government error, dating back more than two decades, where proof of citizenship was not documented. Most of these voters have routinely participated in our elections and are likely U.S. citizens. Even our own Senate President is on the list. Despite Maricopa County's efforts to block these voters from participating, a judge ruled they should be allowed to cast a ballot. Recently, media reported a leaked phone conversation where Hobbs shockingly suggested disenfranchising these voters. After the court ruling, the Secretary of State later revealed the number of voters impacted is actually 218,000! This is unheard of! The incompetence of those in charge of administering elections in Arizona in accordance with our laws is on full display and is undermining election integrity .



-Senator Wendy Rogers



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FIGHTING TO KEEP BOYS OUT OF GIRLS' SPORTS

One month after a Ninth Circuit panel of judges out of San Francisco blocked our law banning biological males from participating in female-only sports competitions, we are now calling on the U.S. Supreme Court to take action to protect women and girls from this dangerous intrusion. I joined Speaker Toma and Superintendent Horne in [filing a cert petition](#) with the high court. We cannot remain silent and allow these wrongs against women and girls to continue. We must stand up and fight to protect our daughters, nieces, sisters, and granddaughters from bigger and stronger males who are claiming their identities, their private spaces, their sports, and are putting their safety at risk. What's even more disheartening is that we have a Democratic Governor and Attorney General who claim to support women, but they refuse to keep boys out of girls' sports. Republicans stand in solidarity to defend women and girls, and I'm confident the U.S. Supreme Court will make it clear- Arizona's Save Women's Sports Act should be enforced. *-President Warren Petersen*



DEMOCRATS LAUNCH ASSAULT AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS

The radical Left has been attempting to force upon society the notion that science doesn't matter, and biological males can be considered females if they "feel" like they are. Hobbs and Democrats at the Arizona State Legislature showed their irresponsible disregard for the safety and well-being of women and girls in our state by killing the Arizona Women's Bill of Rights this past session, along with every other bill Legislative Republicans ran to protect women and girls from male intrusion. What's even more radical is that Democrat Senator Christine Marsh argued on the Senate floor that the solution to boys using girls' locker rooms in our public schools is to put up shower curtains. Meanwhile, Democrat Attorney General Kris Mayes refuses to defend the Save Women's Sports Act, signed into law in 2022 to create an even playing field for women and girls at Arizona's schools, when it was legally challenged by a progressive activist organization. Shameful.



-Senator Sine Kerr



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INVESTIGATING TRAGIC FAILURES FROM DCS

Another failure from the Hobbs Administration tragically cost the life of an Arizona child in Department of Child Safety (DCS) custody, 15-year-old Christian Williams. At the very basic level, we're talking about keeping kids alive, and when you boil it down to that base level, it should anger every single Arizonan that DCS is unable to do that. Christian is the second child with Type 1 Diabetes to die in DCS care in less than two years. These children were allowed to refuse the insulin needed to keep them alive, which ultimately led to their deaths. Why?! This unacceptable incident shines a spotlight on the lack of accountability and transparency from the individuals Governor Hobbs picked to run our state agencies. Arizona Senate Republicans will not let these tragic deaths be in vain. We promise to do everything in our power to protect Arizona's vulnerable populations and to hold the Hobbs Administration accountable.



-Senator T.J. Shope

FAKE DIRECTOR FALLOUT UNDER HOBBS

The latest tragedy at DCS doesn't even begin to scratch the surface of the fallout from Hobbs' fake director scheme, where she unlawfully evaded the Senate confirmation process for state agency director nominations by installing individuals for these critical roles under a made-up title. A report released by [the Auditor General this month](#) reveals a major \$2 million fraudulent transfer of taxpayer dollars from the Arizona Department of Housing, under the leadership of a Hobbs-appointed director who was rejected last year by the Senate Committee on Director Nominations for repeated cases of plagiarism. According to the report, the agency did not put in place procedures to prevent fraud, and the crime wasn't even discovered by the agency until six months after the fact. This is yet another prime example of why the Senate will not rubberstamp her director picks. Thorough vetting is crucial for the citizens of Arizona.



-Senator Jake Hoffman



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INFLATION MISERY UNDER HARRIS-BIDEN ADMIN.

I've heard from citizens across Arizona just how difficult it's become to make ends meet over the past four years, and a new report reveals the financial pain families are enduring under the Harris-Biden Administration. According to the Common Sense Institute's *Arizona Inflation Misery Index*, the average Arizonan must spend \$9,996 more per year, while the average household must spend \$24,972 more per year just to maintain the same quality of life enjoyed in 2019. I, along with my Republican colleagues at the Legislature, fundamentally believe government should not tax our citizens more than necessary to support core services. This notion is even more important during massive inflation, which is why I'm pleased Arizona Republicans banded together to implement the largest tax cut in state history for our citizens. Every income taxpayer is currently benefiting from a 2.5% flat tax, and I'm looking forward to doing more for our taxpayers next session.



-Senator J.D. Mesnard

STOPPING COSTLY ELECTRIC VEHICLE MANDATES

Legislative Republicans are challenging the legality of the massive federal government overreach demonstrated by the Harris-Biden Administration's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), after it overstepped its authority in issuing radical and costly electric-vehicle mandates without Congressional approval. We joined a coalition of states and industries in filing an [opening brief](#) for a lawsuit this month to stop these recently adopted rules by the EPA as part of Biden's climate change agenda. These rules require a hurried transition from gas-powered vehicles to electric vehicles, which will detrimentally transform our nation's entire automotive industry and cost billions of dollars to implement. It will also impact the supply chain and dramatically raise costs for Arizona trucking companies that will inevitably be passed on to their customers. Our federal government cannot simply decide to mandate electric vehicles and implement expensive and scientifically baseless policies without approval.



-Sen. David C. Farnsworth



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STANDING IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL

I want to express my unwavering support for Israel as this month marks one year since the horrific terrorist attack against our ally nation and its people. My heart breaks for the Israelis who've suffered such horrifying acts of evil by Hamas and Iran, as well as for the hostages who are still enduring torturous conditions. I continue to support Israel's right to defend itself from violence, and I call on the Harris-Biden Administration to do everything in their power to ensure the American hostages who are still being held against their will today are released and brought back home. We must stand united against this evil and support a permanent end to the war in the Middle East. I urge all Arizonans to speak out against the injustices our Jewish friends are experiencing and to condemn all antisemitic acts. May the good Lord protect our world from the Iranian-directed terrorists who are attempting to spread death and destruction upon the innocent.



-Senator Frank Carroll

ADVOCATING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Four Arizona police officers were tragically killed in the line of duty in 2024 alone, while many more have been seriously injured protecting our communities. Our state's law enforcement puts their lives on the line daily. Their jobs have only become more dangerous as a result of the Biden-Harris open border crisis and the climate they've perpetuated against our law enforcement and first responders. We need to do more to protect these heroes' lives as well as their families, which is why I sponsored Prop. 311 on the November ballot. If approved, \$250,000 would go to the spouse or children of a first responder killed in the line of duty as the result of a criminal act. The measure would also increase penalties for criminals who assault our first responders, which will hopefully save lives by acting as a deterrent. I believe we can really make a difference by establishing this support and protection for our state's heroes and their families.



-Senator David Gowan



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