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‘SECURE THE BORDER ACT’ PASSES SENATE

The Governor's reckless disregard for the safety and well-being of our citizens during this open border crisis our state is currently enduring at the hands of Joe Biden has left us no other option than to send the Secure the Border Act to the ballot. She's blocked numerous attempts by Republican lawmakers to pass legislation addressing this issue, so we want to empower Arizonans to take matters into their own hands to protect their communities and support our law enforcement. I'm pleased to report this critical measure, also known as HCR 2060, passed the Senate this week and now heads to the House for a final vote before appearing on the November ballot. Sadly, all Senate Democrats voted against the measure. Illegal immigration cost Arizona taxpayers more than \$3 billion dollars last year. We're confident we can offset future losses, reduce crime, and save lives with HCR 2060.



-President Warren Petersen

SUSPECTED TERRORISTS CROSS OPEN BORDERS

Democrats touting dangerous and misleading rhetoric about the Secure the Border Act, as well as the border crisis as a whole, is reckless for many reasons. They would like citizens to believe the only people entering our country are innocent asylum seekers. However, the data coming from federal agencies, such as the FBI and Customs and Border Protection (CBP), as well as our state law enforcement, consistently tells us otherwise. These agencies have been warning us of the increase in terrorists entering our country illegally and the threat they pose to the safety of America. According to the most recent federal data, the number of suspected terrorists who've entered our country illegally has spiked over 2,500% during the Biden Administration. Border Patrol agents have apprehended nearly 400 illegal aliens between fiscal years 2021 and 2024 whose names appeared on the terror watch list. This includes Afghan, Pakistani, and Chinese nationals, among many others. Our country is in danger, and we are in dire need of securing our border!



-Senator David Gowan



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ONLY U.S. CITIZENS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO VOTE

In our ongoing efforts to strengthen the integrity of Arizona's elections, I'm proud to share President Petersen is taking legal action to defend our state laws requiring proof of citizenship to vote by mail and to vote in presidential elections. Biden's open border policies are causing chaos and eroding confidence with Arizona voters on who exactly is having an influence in the outcomes of our elections. It would seem like common sense that only American citizens should have the right to cast a ballot, but radical left organizations, Democrats, and the judicial system are fighting against us on this concept. Last week, we filed a motion asking a U.S. district court to allow our state to enforce our proof of citizenship laws for the 2024 election while litigation continues. State law already requires individuals to provide proof of citizenship to vote in state or local races, but federal law only requires individuals to sign a sworn statement saying they are in fact citizens. I'll keep you updated.



-Senator Wendy Rogers

MORE SENATE BILLS HEAD TO GOVERNOR'S DESK

We passed several bills out of the Legislature this week with bipartisan support. Among them is a measure I sponsored to establish the act of intentionally disseminating a nonconsensual deepfake recording or image as a felony. The dictionary defines a deepfake as a 'video of a person in which their face or body has been digitally altered so that they appear to be someone else, typically used maliciously or to spread false information.' The use of deepfake media has become a real issue with the increase in artificial intelligence (AI) technology. That leads me to another measure of mine that passed out with near unanimous support. SB 1359 would require a person who distributes a deceptive and fraudulent deepfake of a political candidate within 90 days before an election to include a clear disclosure that the media includes content generated by AI. Failure to disclose this would result in a civil penalty. These very important bills are now headed to the Governor's desk.



-Senator Frank Carroll



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EFFORTS TO ADDRESS HOUSING SHORTAGE

Republican lawmakers are committed to solving Arizona's housing shortage, and by working together on this important issue, we've successfully had several bills signed into law this session that will truly make a difference. My bill, SB 1162, will cut the unnecessary government red tape responsible for prolonging approvals on zoning applications needed for home construction to begin. HB2720, which I co-sponsored, was also signed into law and will allow homeowners to build accessory dwelling units, such as casitas, on their property. This will especially benefit our elderly population as well as young adults just entering the workforce. As a former travel nurse, I know this will also make a difference for our medical community. HB2721 is another measure I co-sponsored. This new law tackles zoning measures to allow for more middle housing options, such as duplexes and triplexes. Our housing shortage is a complex issue that needs to be addressed in several different areas, and we're taking steps in the right direction. *-Senator Janae Shamp*



PAYING TRIBUTE TO OUR FALLEN HEROES

As we head into the Memorial Day weekend, I know many of you might be marking the occasion with barbecues, parties, trips to the lake, and maybe even parades. During this time, I hope you'll also take a moment to reflect on brave men and women who've selflessly served our country and paid the ultimate price so that we can have the freedoms we enjoy today. I served as a Gunnery Sergeant with the U.S. Marines, and I've lost a number of brothers and sisters in the military, so this is a somber time for me. We always knew the dangers we would be facing, but we did the job anyways because we love our country. Across the street from the Arizona Capitol at Wesley Bolin Plaza, you'll find a variety of memorials honoring those who've served at Pearl Harbor, in Vietnam, in World Wars I and II, the Korean War, and Desert Storm. I encourage you to make a visit sometime. Freedom isn't free. God bless the fallen. *-Senator Sonny Borrelli*





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