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INFLATION CONTINUES TO HURT ARIZONA FAMILIES

Crippling prices on basic necessities continue to wreak havoc on hardworking Arizonans. Sadly, this will remain the case while the Biden Administration continues to enact costly policies, and while Washington D.C. continues its out of control spending spree. According to a recent report from the Common Sense Institute, the average family would have saved approximately \$8,400 annually over the past three years, if inflation remained at the Federal Reserve's 2% goal. In comparison to 2020, rent for a two-bedroom apartment is now 30% higher, a tank of gas is \$24 dollars more, and a month's worth of groceries for a family of four is \$302 higher! Senate Republicans provided families some relief with a tax rebate last year, and by also eliminating the tax renters pay on their monthly bill. We are committed to doing more to ease these burdens, while Democrats, unfortunately, ignore the problem.

-President Warren Petersen



MORE STATES STEP IN TO SECURE THE BORDER

We're gearing up to pass the Secure the Border Act out of the Legislature next week. It only needs approval from the House before heading to the ballot in November for voters to take action on. Arizona is part of a growing trend where states are working to implement laws to safeguard their citizens against the rampant crime associated with Biden's border invasion. If the federal government fails in its duties to protect our nation, then the states must step up to mitigate the mess threatening the security of their communities. Unfortunately, Florida, Iowa, Oklahoma, and Texas have become the targets of the weaponized U.S. Department of Justice and are in litigation for simply pursuing common sense policies to protect their citizens. We're confident the U.S. Supreme Court will step in and support our states' efforts. Since taking office, Biden has created a welcome wagon for terrorists, sex traffickers, human smugglers, drug traffickers, murderers, and others who seek to do harm within our country. In 2023 alone, the crisis cost Arizona taxpayers more than \$3 billion!

-Senator Janae Shamp





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PROTECTING YOUR 2ND AMMENDMENT RIGHTS

In a federal lawsuit, Mexico is trying to blame American gun manufacturers for cartel violence, instead of their own government's negligent policies. California and other blue states, along with anti-gun activists, are working to support Mexico's efforts in an attempt to put gun manufacturers out of business. We recently joined 26 states to urge the U.S. Supreme Court to weigh in on this case. A foreign nation has no business using our court system to try to limit the rights of our citizens, yet that's exactly what's occurring with this \$10 billion lawsuit. The bipartisan Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA) prohibits civil liability actions from being brought against manufacturers for damages resulting from the misuse of their products. It was enacted nearly a decade ago for a reason. The fact that this case was revived after being previously dismissed is a threat to our Second Amendment rights, and has the potential to set a dangerous precedent moving forward, which is why we're fighting for the highest court to weigh in. *-Senator Frank Carroll*



BILLS SIGNED THIS WEEK

As a member of Senate Republican leadership, I'm proud of the work we've accomplished so far this session, and the impactful legislation we've worked to get signed into law. This week, we had four more Senate bills signed by the Governor, including two that will protect Arizonans against the nefarious aspects of artificial intelligence (AI) media technology, as well as create meaningful change within our seriously mentally ill (SMI) healthcare system. SB 1359, sponsored by Senator Carroll, will 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. SB 1609, sponsored by Senator Wadsack, simply requires a health care institution treating an SMI patient to provide an accurate list of all necessary medications when they're discharged. Both of these measures garnered bipartisan support and will take effect 90 days after we adjourn. *-Senator T.J. Shope*





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