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2023 WINS FOR ARIZONA

As Republican lawmakers, we approach policy decisions with the common goal of improving the lives of all Arizonans. As I reflect on 2023, I can say we did just that. From the inflation relief we provided our hardworking citizens, like repealing the tenant-paid rental tax and providing historic tax rebates to families suffering from rising prices, to mitigating Arizona's housing shortage by cutting the red tape responsible for slowing home construction, to establishing a solution for the residents of Rio Verde Foothills who endured life for months without water, to protecting school choice for all families- no matter the household income or zip code. Despite the Governor's record-setting vetoes this year, we understand you elected us to advocate for legislation important to you, like protecting your children from radical ideologies infiltrating their classrooms and defending your freedoms as Americans. This is what we will continue to do in 2024.

-President Warren Petersen



CONSTITUTIONAL CHECKS AND BALANCES

The Senate has worked diligently behind the scenes to try to persuade Katie Hobbs to reengage in the Senate confirmation process for agency director nominations, as she is required to do under Arizona law. Unfortunately, she has declined. These are critical state agencies tasked with overseeing lives and livelihoods of our citizens. Individuals who are not properly vetted or even qualified to serve in these roles as directors creates the very real risk of endangering Arizonans and subjects the agencies' actions to legal challenge. Hobbs' decision to grind Arizona to an operational standstill rather than follow Arizona law is possibly the saddest commentary on Democrats' seriousness yet. She's made it abundantly clear to voters that Democrats care more about playing petulant political games and throwing temper tantrums than actually governing. Senate Republicans recently filed a [lawsuit](#) against Hobbs in an effort to force her to comply with the law.

-Senator Jake Hoffman





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BORDER CRISIS RAGES ON

President Biden's border crisis continues to set records in Arizona. New data released from U.S. Customs and Border Protection shows the Tucson sector continues to have the dubious distinction as the busiest area in the nation with encounters of illegal aliens for a fifth month in a row! 64,638 immigrants were recorded in November alone. This is horrendous! These aren't just innocent people looking for a better life. They include dangerous criminals, child sex traffickers, human smugglers, rapists, and terrorists invading our state and country. That's why I put \$10 million towards this year and last year's budget for anti-human trafficking laws to help fight against these heinous crimes. This border crisis is a direct failure of the Biden Administration, who continues to turn a blind eye to what's really happening at our border, and in particular, my district. In the upcoming session I will be looking at creating legislation to help law enforcement fight this crisis.



-Senator David Gowan



ADDRESSING ARIZONA'S DOCTOR SHORTAGE

It is projected that Arizona has a shortage of nearly 600 primary care physicians right now and around 2,000 more physicians will be needed to meet healthcare demands in the state by 2030 due to increases in retirements, higher rates of chronic diseases, and an aging population. Although there are a number of reasons for current shortages, one that sticks out is the lack of residency slots. All medical school graduates must complete a period of GME, or residency training, to be licensed to practice medicine in the United States. But, around 20% of medical school graduates find themselves unable to attain the residency slot necessary for them to complete their training. Fortunately, our state has taken steps to help address this issue, and an additional 200 residency positions will go into effect July 1, 2024. This alone will not solve our state's shortage though, so I have made it a priority this session to identify and establish more ways to help.



-Senator Janae Shamp





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