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‘SECURE THE BORDER ACT’ SET FOR SENATE VOTE

The Governor and Democrat legislators launched a desperate campaign of misinformation on the Secure the Border Act. Despite their best efforts to deceive the public, we’re confident Arizona voters will see through the falsehoods and support this commonsense policy on their November ballot. While one of the Governor’s agency directors this week regurgitated her messaging that this will cost Arizona hundreds of millions of dollars to enforce, the reality is illegal immigration cost Arizona more than \$3 billion in taxpayer dollars last year. There will not only be an enormous savings of public funds, but countless lives will also be saved. Let’s face it, the Governor talks a big game on securing our border, but her actions have been the opposite. After a member absence delayed the Senate’s vote this week, the Secure the Border Act is scheduled for Senate consideration next week. Stay tuned! *-President Warren Petersen*



REMEMBERING A FALLEN HERO

It’s National Police Week, and we want to recognize our law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line daily, as well as those who paid the ultimate price to protect our communities. These men and women deserve the utmost gratitude and respect for the critical role they play in keeping us safe and maintaining law and order during a time when it has become increasingly more difficult to do so. Mother’s Day marked the 10-year anniversary of Mesa Police Sgt. Brandon Mendoza’s killing by an illegal immigrant. Sgt. Mendoza, pictured on the right, was 32 years old when he was slain by an illegal immigrant driving the wrong way on the freeway. His killer, Raul Silva-Corona, had a long criminal record and was high on meth with a blood-alcohol level three times the legal limit at the time of the crash. Sadly, with border-related crimes soaring, fatal crashes involving criminals from foreign nations have also increased. We must remain diligent in our efforts to secure the border so that more innocent lives are not lost and more Arizona families are not destroyed.



-Senator David Farnsworth



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PROTECTING ARIZONANS FROM UNLAWFUL MANDATES

Republicans at the Legislature are taking legal action to block the massive federal government overreach by the Environmental Protection Agency, after it overstepped its authority in issuing several radical and costly electric vehicle mandates that promise to dramatically hurt the wallets of hardworking Arizonans and threaten our state's power supply. This week, we filed two lawsuits, and joined in on a third with 16 states against California, to stop three specific rules from being implemented. Each require a hasty transition from gas-powered vehicles to electric vehicles, including cars, buses and semitrucks. These rules exceed the EPA's statutory authority. The climate change agenda from Democrats imposes expensive and unattainable goals on the automotive and trucking industries, which will undoubtedly lead to soaring consumer prices. We don't have the infrastructure to power these vehicles, and the average working-class citizen or trucking business can't afford them. -Senator Frank Carroll



EXPEDITING ARIZONA'S ELECTION RESULTS

I'm thrilled to report we're advancing a ballot referral through the Legislature that voters may be able to consider in November to help speed up the process of determining the winners of our elections. Arizona has become the laughing stock of the nation with how long it takes our state to accurately tabulate ballots, not to mention the long lines and wait times voters encounter at the polls. I'm confident our solution is a big step in the right direction to eliminate the chaos. We moved a "strike everything amendment" to HCR 2056 through Senate Elections Committee this week. It would require the use of on-site tabulators in polling places for both Election Day and for early voting, which would lead to a considerably more efficient elections process and faster results. It would also reduce the timeline of when mail-in ballots will be accepted at polling places, but will allow voters to drop them off at the recorder's office or any designated drop box. Lastly, it would ban all foreign funding of our elections. -Senator Wendy Rogers





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CELEBRATING ARIZONA'S CHARTER SCHOOLS

This week, Senate Republicans celebrated the many accomplishments and contributions charter schools have made to Arizona's public school system. Thirty years ago, Arizona became the 10th state to establish charter schools, and we've seen tremendous growth and success with the educational opportunities they provide to families all across the state. There are currently 560 public charter schools, which are free to attend, serving over 230,000 Arizona students. Just last month, the U.S. News & World Report's 2024 rankings named a Peoria charter school, BASIS Peoria, the best high school in the nation. Out of the 12 Arizona schools that made the list, 10 of them were charter schools. These schools not only provide families with unique and innovative educational options, they help close the academic achievement gaps in both rural and urban communities. The last 30 years have shown that diverse K-12 options and learning environments help promote academic success. -Senator Shawna Bolick



OPPOSING WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The World Health Organization is creating a global pandemic agreement between its 194 member states, including the U.S, that would be detrimental to our health and freedoms. The Pandemic Prevention Preparedness and Response Accord (PPRA) would establish WHO as the governing authority on a wide range of healthcare issues, including vaccinations, abortion, and transgender therapy, all of which are rightly in the province of the American people and their representatives. The PPRA would also establish WHO as the "arbiter of truth" on all pandemic-related information, thus silencing dissenting voices in direct violation of our First Amendment rights. These are just a couple examples of how the treaty would disturbingly infringe upon our constitutional rights. This week, I read a [proclamation](#) stating the Arizona Senate opposes the United States' participation in this agreement and urges the Biden Administration to withdraw our nation from it. -Senator Janae Shamp





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