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PROTECTING ARIZONA FROM RADICAL LEFT AGENDA

While families across the nation are feeling the devastating impacts of inflation and an open border crisis, the Biden Administration is choosing to ignore these realities and is instead focusing on implementing a radical environmental agenda that promises to wreak havoc on Arizona's economy and citizens. This week, I teamed up with House Speaker Toma and the Arizona Chamber of Commerce in a federal lawsuit to stop a dangerous new air quality rule issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The rule creates unattainable goals for air quality standards, guaranteeing Arizona consumers, our working class, and our job creators will pay the price. It will detrimentally impact our power grid, force jobs overseas, and create even more red tape for both small and large businesses. We have no choice but to ask the courts to provide relief from this tyrannical, arbitrary, and illegal move by the EPA.



-President Warren Petersen

BORDER CRISIS UPDATE

Republican lawmakers proudly passed my SCR1042, proclaiming the Legislature's support for the citizens and government of Texas while they work to secure our nation's southern border. This resolution had zero support from Democrats. The invasion has not let up in Texas or Arizona and could get worse in the coming months. Many parts of Arizona are being attacked by criminals crossing our border illegally and attempting to evade law enforcement. There are also massive numbers of so-called asylum seekers being processed in Arizona then bussed out of state. This week, the feds issued temporary funding supporting this outrageous operation for a couple months, but it's just a band aid and doesn't solve the problem. If this funding isn't renewed, there will be a massive release of migrants into our communities that don't have the resources to handle them. Some of my colleagues recently spoke with law enforcement on the border who detailed this emergency situation. Lives and livelihoods are at stake while Democrats continue to turn a blind eye.



-Senator Shawna Bolick



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ADVOCATING FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

I have two major victories for Arizona parents and children to share. My bill protecting families from sexual predators was signed into law. SB1280 disqualifies from elections or appointments to school district governing boards anyone who's subject to sex offender registration. I also spearheaded an effort to stop the State Board of Education from adopting a new version of the Empowerment Scholarship Accounts handbook for 2024-2025 that not only overstepped the boundaries of the laws passed by the Legislature, but it also greatly restricted educational items utilized within the program. I received an outpouring of concern on the matter from ESA parents, and rightfully so. There must be robust stakeholder input from ESA families and the educational providers who are impacted by these regulations. Republicans stand with ESA families and support educational opportunities for every child!



-Senator Jake Hoffman

SAFEGUARDING ARIZONA'S ELECTRICITY

A few years ago, I was made aware of the danger of electromagnetic pulse. This phenomenon occurs as a burst of electromagnetic energy that can shut down all our electricity in a matter of seconds. That means all transportation, forms of communication, refrigeration, etc., needed to live and operate as a society, will cease to exist. This can occur as a result of a natural event in the form of a solar storm, or a man-made weapon such as a nuclear bomb or electromechanical device. I sponsored a bill to address this real threat by requiring electricity producers in Arizona to consider the dangers associated with an electromagnetic pulse and to take steps to secure a continuous supply of electricity to Arizona residents. I'm proud to share this important bill was signed into law this week. If you want to know more about this phenomenon, I recommend watching a documentary called Grid Down, Power Up, which further explains these dangers and possible solutions.



-Senator David Farnsworth



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PREVENTING ROADBLOCKS DURING YOUR DRIVE

The current political climate, locally and around the world, has provoked a rise in unruly protests, and it's important to put safeguards in place to prevent these protests from causing harm to our citizens. A few months ago, a group of protestors blocked the westbound lanes of the Bay Bridge heading into San Francisco for four hours. Trapping drivers in their vehicles for this long can have potentially deadly consequences. There were multiple vehicles carrying organs that were supposed to be going to a place for a transplant. Somebody could have encountered a medical emergency during that time with no way of getting to a hospital. And although not a life and death situation, there were no restrooms for hundreds of drivers and passengers. I sponsored a bill which would make it a felony for protesters to block a highway, bridge, or tunnel for more than 15 minutes after they've been told to leave. This bill just passed the Legislature with bipartisan support and was sent to the Governor. *-Senator John Kavanagh*



HE IS RISEN!

This weekend marks the time in history when Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, was crucified on the cross, suffered an excruciating death, rose from the dead, and ascended into Heaven, so that our sins could be forgiven. As we gather with friends, family, and neighbors to celebrate this incredible gift from God, I'm hopeful we can all reflect on the sacrifice provided for us, and in turn, work to selflessly serve others. Looking ahead to the remainder of this legislative session, I'm also hopeful we, as lawmakers, will remain steadfast in serving our citizens by advocating for the issues they elected us to solve, and by putting aside partisan ploys that aim to deflect from our true purpose here at the Legislature. Every day that we gavel in on the Senate floor, we begin proceedings with a prayer for guidance, wisdom, courage, patience and compassion, so that our minds and hearts are centered on what truly matters as we work to pass laws for the betterment of Arizona. To serve in this role is a blessing. *-Senator Sine Kerr*





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