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ADDRESSING THE HOMELESS CRISIS

If you haven't seen "The Zone," you've heard of it. It's the mecca of homeless encampments in Phoenix and is a prime example of the dangers surrounding our homeless crisis. This week, President Petersen filed a brief to encourage the U.S. Supreme Court to weigh in on the issue of banning encampments to provide clarity to lawmakers, so we can do our job in addressing this top issue. The Ninth Circuit has tied the hands of elected leaders, law enforcement, social workers, and healthcare professionals with bad rulings. My constituents deserve safe neighborhoods for their families, not ones littered with used needles and drug paraphernalia. Not to mention the increased dangers there are for the people who live in these encampments. We need to help them, not enable them. The government exists for public safety, and our Governor along with the Phoenix Mayor are failing our citizens.



-Senator Shawna Bolick



FOX GUARDS THE HENHOUSE AT ASU

We're hearing instances of free speech infringement on campuses around the nation and Arizona State University is one of them. ASU administrators submitted their investigative report on this matter, and I'm disappointed that they are seemingly downplaying significant allegations, but I'm not surprised. They failed to address concerns raised by students, including students who felt coerced to avoid an event featuring conservative speakers. I had hoped they would take these concerns seriously and address the issues that have stifled free speech for students under their watch. However, their response only reinforces the need for further action from state legislators. I intend to hold a committee hearing in the coming weeks where lawmakers will review the report, gather more testimony, and discuss potential policy changes to protect free speech on campuses. It's our obligation as lawmakers to take action.



-Senator Anthony Kern





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GETTING NEW AZ RESIDENTS LICENSED TO WORK

People are moving to Arizona in droves because of the freedoms, quality of life, low taxes, and opportunities available as a result of policies pushed by Republicans over the past decade. We have jobs for every skilled worker relocating here, and I'm proud to have made the transition easier through our Universal Occupational Licensing Recognition. I championed this reform back in 2019 to get government out of the way of qualified professionals who want to get right to work. If you hold a license in one state, you'll be issued a license here. A new report released by Common Sense Institute Arizona reveals over the past three years, the program has resulted in more than 8,000 new professional licenses issued, supported 13,100 new jobs, and had a \$1.2 billion economic impact. By 2030, the economic impact is expected to grow to a whopping \$3.3 billion and 33,000 jobs!



-President Warren Petersen

LEGISLATION TO PROTECT DENTAL PATIENTS

Did you know that dentists and anesthesiologists need proper permits for anesthesia? You would expect them to, however some have operated without one, and without knowing they needed one. An investigative report by ABC15 found 50 cases since 2018 where Arizona dentists called for emergency medical services for patients under anesthesia, seven of whom had died. That is why the passage of SB1602 is so significant. There needed to be legislative intervention in addressing patient safety concerns in dental offices. By defining qualified anesthesia providers, imposing safety requirements, enhancing reporting mechanisms, and expediting recommendations, this law aims to ensure the well-being of patients undergoing anesthesia and sedation procedures in dental settings in Arizona. I'm thankful this bill was signed into law in June and is currently in effect to help address this issue.



-Senator Janae Shamp



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MORE CORRUPTION FROM KATIE HOBBS

Corrupt Katie Hobbs is involved in yet another scandal. This time, public records requested by local media reveal her administration accepted 12 tickets to the 2023 Super Bowl, valued at \$7,000 each, with staff using half of them to attend. Arizona has laws that make it flat out illegal for public servants and elected officials to accept gifts over \$25 to prevent questionable influence from taking priority over the best interests of our taxpayers. Unfortunately, Hobbs continues to demonstrate that she believes she's above the law and has no problem engaging in conflicts of interest. Case in point: another report released this week shines a light on the fact that Hobbs has hired nine former lobbyists to be top advisors in her administration! Fortunately for our citizens, your Republican lawmakers, including the Arizona Freedom Caucus, are watching her every move and will hold her accountable.



-Senator Jake Hoffman

INVESTIGATING A MAJOR RATE HIKE ON ENERGY

My office has been monitoring the crisis situation for customers of San Carlos Irrigation Project. While SCIP is managed exclusively by the United States Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs and not the State of Arizona, I have been in contact with our U.S. Senators and members of Congress to understand why the federal government decided to more than double electric rates in my legislative district. Specifically, we are aggressively seeking answers on why adequate public outreach was not conducted, what circumstances led to the dramatic increase in generation/distribution costs, all available short term relieve remedies that can be provided, how rates can be lowered in the short-term, and how to protect non-reservation customers in the long-term. I will provide more information in the coming days, and I will keep the pressure on the federal government to provide answers to you.



-Senator TJ Shope



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CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

As the daughter of a Mexican immigrant, Hispanic Heritage Month has special meaning to me. I was raised by a strong Latina who instilled the values of hard work, grit, and determination. My mother taught me the importance of family values, faith, and community. These principles led me to advocate for conservatism in public service, and as an Arizona lawmaker, I've used these traits to guide me. I pride myself on the influences this vibrant culture has had on every corner of our state. From food and agriculture, to architecture, language, arts, our job market, and our small businesses, Senate Republicans are grateful for the robust impact Hispanics have provided to our Arizona economy. The Grand Canyon State is a place of opportunity, and we continue to witness the countless success stories of Hispanics in pursuit of living the American dream, which is certainly worthy of celebration.



-Senator Sine Kerr

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

This week we celebrated Constitution Day! This day holds profound significance in our nation's history as it commemorates the adoption of the United States Constitution on September 17, 1787. This foundational document, which has guided our democracy for over two centuries, is a testament to the principles of liberty, justice, and governance that shape our society today. Constitution Day serves as a reminder to reflect on the vital role that the Constitution plays in safeguarding our individual freedoms and ensuring the rule of law. My 6th Great Grandfather, Col. Abraham Byrd, was a Delegate from Dunmore, VA, making me a proud daughter of the American Revolution. I honor Constitution Day to celebrate exactly what it is we're fighting for as Americans. Never forget what our founders did for us.



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-Senator Justine Wadsack



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