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## WORKING TO PROTECT OUR ELECTIONS

The Elections Procedures Manual (EPM) is an important rulebook for how county officials must administer our elections in accordance with state law. It's the Secretary of State's job to provide a lawful EPM for the Attorney General and Governor to approve for our next elections cycle. Unfortunately, our Secretary proposed a draft that misinterprets Arizona election laws, unlawfully expands his powers, and subjects our elections to a greater potential for voter fraud. After the Secretary deliberately shortened the typical public comment period from one month to two weeks, the House Speaker and I submitted our assessment on Monday. Our hope is that he makes our corrections before seeking final approval. Failure to do so will result in legal action. I encourage you to read our feedback on the EPM by visiting [azsenaterepublicans.com](http://azsenaterepublicans.com) and clicking on "records of interest."

*-President Warren Petersen*



## DEFENDING WOMEN & GIRLS IN COURT

Our Senate President and House Speaker continue their court battle to protect women's and girls' athletics at Arizona's public schools, colleges and universities. We're seeking an appeal of the 9th Circuit Court's bad ruling from this week allowing two boys to compete on their schools' female sports teams while we fight a lawsuit aiming to repeal the "Save Women's Sports Act." We just filed our appeal, and it will go before a larger "en banc" panel of 9th Circuit Court judges to decide on. If this appeal gets struck down, we will take this matter to the United States Supreme Court. These are our daughters, granddaughters and nieces we're talking about. These reckless rulings are subjecting young women and girls to increased risk of injury by forcing them to compete against bigger and stronger biological males. What in the world is happening to our society that sees this as perfectly acceptable?

*- Senator Sine Kerr*





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## TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE, GOVERNOR HOBBS

The Valley of the Sun is living up to its name this season, as it does every summer. We've been under Excessive Heat Warnings, issued by the National Weather Service, for more than six weeks now. Yet, on one of our cooler days of the summer so far, Katie Hobbs caved to media pressure and issued a reactive Executive Order declaring a "Heat State of Emergency." For as long as I've lived in Arizona, I can't recall a Governor ever doing this before. Frankly, it's too little, too late, Katie. Where were you a month ago? With literally no agenda for this state and absolutely no clue how to govern, she continues to issue her do-nothing executive actions that are merely just "smoke and mirrors." We live in a desert. We knew it was going to get hot in July. I'm wondering why she doesn't just work with the Legislature to make a REAL difference for our citizens?



- Senator Anthony Kern

## ANOTHER PUBLICITY STUNT

Hobbs recently announced Arizona joined the "U.S. Climate Alliance," an organization set up by three Leftist governors as a protest to President Trump's decision to withdraw from the job-destroying Paris Agreement, which imposes unrealistic and unworkable goals for reducing carbon emissions and punishes energy producers in the U.S. I wrote her a letter suggesting that, instead of unilaterally creating task forces and joining do-nothing coalitions, she work with and through the Legislature to formulate public policy. Attempting to evade this process through edict misleads the public on the proper role of the executive and diverts attention from the real work that needs to be done. Although this was merely a publicity stunt aimed at appealing to her radical environmental base, I also wanted to clarify that she is the participant of the organization, not the State of Arizona. Any abuse of power displayed by Hobbs through her joining of this coalition will be stopped.



-Senator Frank Carroll



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## FDA CHANGES ITS TUNE ON IVERMECTIN

A Department of Justice Lawyer representing the FDA was recently quoted saying, "FDA explicitly recognizes that doctors do have the authority to prescribe ivermectin to treat COVID." This stance is a far cry from calling the drug 'lethal' and mocking its use during the height of the pandemic. The statement was part of a case involving three doctors who believe the FDA unlawfully interfered with their practice by restricting how the approved drug is used within the doctor-patient relationship. This is spot on, but how many lives did it cost?! I'm so grateful for the medical and health professionals who are willing to stand against this overreach. There is still plenty of work that needs to be done to make sure this type of activity never occurs again, which is why we're proudly continuing the Novel Coronavirus Southwestern Intergovernmental Committee hearings this fall.



- Senator Janae Shamp



## FRESHMAN SENATOR OF THE YEAR

It is an incredible honor to be named "Freshman Senator of the Year" by the Arizona Republican Party. I was given the title for passing more than 30 bills out of the Senate and addressing critical issues in our state, such as water supply, education and child protection. This past legislative session, I demonstrated my willingness to work across party lines and my determination to pass commonsense legislation that benefits our citizens. I've been working with stakeholders and constituents on both sides of the aisle during the interim for next session to continue to make a difference. I mentioned previously that my focus for next year will be on human trafficking, our state's homeless and fentanyl crises, as well as our population with severe mental illness. Right now I'm laying the foundation for what I hope to be another impactful session.



- Senator Justine Wadsack





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## VISIT TO KTAR

I was happy to join KTAR's Mike Broomhead to discuss President Biden's unilateral land grab that promises to destroy local economies, livelihoods, generations of tradition, our energy supply, and national security. Instead of working through Congress, he seized nearly a million acres and declared it as a "national monument." Biden has misled our citizens into believing this land is AT the Grand Canyon. It is not. The land grab will have devastating impacts to our economy and national security by devastating critical industries like mining and cattle ranching. Cattle ranchers and farmers are some of the best stewards of our land, and they were left out of the discussion process. My grandpa was a miner in Arizona for decades, so I'm very aware of the importance this industry has on our economy, and making sure we aren't supplying corruption in other countries by outsourcing it. This federal overreach is unconstitutional, harmful and unacceptable.

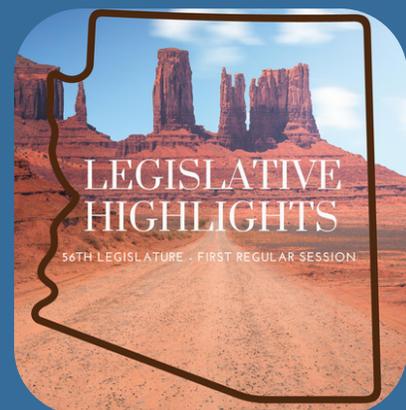


- Senator T.J. Shope



## LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

I want to let you know about an incredible resource now available online. Our 2023 Legislative Highlights Guide recaps the most impactful legislation advocated for by Senate Republicans this year. We're most proud of the hundreds of millions of dollars in inflation relief we're able to provide our hard-working taxpayers struggling under the weight of rising prices. Through the largest tax rebate in the history of our state, as well as eliminating the tax tenants pay with their monthly rent, we're working to allow Arizonans to keep more of their hard-earned dollars. It's clear Biden's "Inflation Reduction Act," supported by Governor Hobbs and Democrats at the Legislature, has done nothing to bring down costs. You can read more about the work we've accomplished for you by visiting [azsenaterepublicans.com](https://azsenaterepublicans.com) and clicking on the "Accomplishments" tab.



- Senator Sonny Borrelli





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