



FEDERAL AFFAIRS, TRADE AND EMERGING MARKETS

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MISSION

The Federal Affairs, Trade and Emerging Markets Committee advocates to advance the interests of Arizona businesses with members of our congressional delegation and federal regulatory agencies to ensure policies do not hurt the economy, impose burdensome regulations, or stifle Arizona’s global competitiveness. The Committee advocates for appointees to cabinet, agency, congressional committees, and judicial positions who understand the unique needs of Arizona and western states. The Committee supports efforts to responsibly balance the federal budget, reduce the national debt, and ensure Arizona’s share of federal spending is proportional to the taxes paid by Arizonans and is weighted for consideration of unique state characteristics.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Defense & Aerospace:

PROTECT AND EXPAND ARIZONA’S MILITARY ASSETS AND PROMOTE AS A LEADER IN NATIONAL DEFENSE OPERATIONS: Highlight Arizona’s military installations and emphasize the ability of these installations to take on new missions; this includes securing Arizona’s position as a leading location for research and development, pilot training, manufacturing and testing of unmanned aircraft systems, and supporting Arizona’s aerospace, defense and aviation industry.

Education & Workforce:

SUPPORT REFORMS TO THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT: Support reforms within the Higher Education Act reauthorization that empower a market-based framework to build on and improve postsecondary education by providing varied and better options for students; reducing federal overreach and burden; driving down costs of delivery, not just the sticker price for students; improving the quality of education; and encouraging innovation, including new models of content delivery that tap into the growing entrepreneurial presence in postsecondary education.

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SUPPORT SIMPLIFIED, RESPONSIBLE BORROWING: Advocate for policies that simplify the current patchwork of student loan programs to improve access to loans and reduce the complexity of the repayment process. Allow institutions to work closely with students to determine proper borrowing levels and to reduce over borrowing.

Environment, Energy & Natural Resources:

SUPPORT MODERNIZATION OF FUTURE ENERGY POLICIES: Increase research and development funding and support for the range of technologies needed to achieve clean energy goals, including energy efficiency, energy storage, renewables, existing and next-generation nuclear, other carbon-free technologies and carbon capture utilization and storage. Encourage greater use of alternative fuel vehicles in the transportation sector – recognizing that transportation emissions now are the largest source of emissions in the US – by modernizing federal transportation programs to encourage investments in alternative fuel transportation and fueling infrastructure. Support ongoing investments in the energy grid to integrate advanced clean energy technologies reliably and affordably. Encourage the development of more robust battery technologies for both electric vehicles and energy storage.

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO REINTRODUCE MULTIPLE-USE MANDATE ON ARIZONA'S LANDS: Advocate for the reintroduction of the multiple-use mandate on Arizona's federal lands and oppose attempts to further limit multiple-use land management by designating national monuments or national heritage areas that would impede efficient land, resource, and wildlife management and represent unwarranted and unwanted federal overreach.

Oppose any attempt to manage land in Arizona as a wilderness area without the required congressional authorization. Oppose executive actions that would unilaterally designate Arizona lands as wilderness areas or national heritage areas.

PROMOTE FOREST HEALTH: Advocate for the active management and thinning of Arizona's federal forest lands to improve and protect watershed health and provide vital products.

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO ENHANCE PRODUCTION OF STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL MINERALS: Support federal legislation that enhances production of Arizona's rich mineral resources on federal lands. Advance policies that promote legal and regulatory certainty to mining companies in operation working through the permitting process or addressing legal challenges.

ENSURE PUBLIC ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS DURING A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN: Advocate to require the federal government enter an agreement with any state or municipality that offers non-federal funds to reopen and temporarily operate public lands during a government shutdown.

SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS AND POLICIES THAT STRENGTHEN INVESTMENT IN FLEXIBLE WATER CONSERVATION TOOLS FOR GROWERS, DISTRICTS, AND COMMUNITIES: Support efforts to implement authorities under the 2018 Farm Bill and use them in a coordinated and flexible manner to support more equitable access of conservation funding for a host of critical drought, infrastructure and conservation needs.

SUPPORT EPA OZONE LEGISLATIVE REFORMS: Support congressional efforts to take a reasonable approach regarding the implementation of the standard, including broader understanding and focus on ozone from background, international and interstate transport.

SUPPORT FUNDING FOR LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP): Advocate for a stronger and fairer appropriation of LIHEAP funds for vulnerable Arizonans.

Health Care:

SUPPORT AN EFFICIENT AND STABLE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY: Oppose federal legislation that would reduce funding for Indirect Medical Education (IME). Support efforts to modernize the federal system for funding Graduate Medical Education (GME) so that the funds are allocated fairly among the states, caps are not artificially low, funding is transparent and linked to performance metrics, and providers are better able to start new residency programs where needed. Support funding for telehealth to support patient/consumer preferences and increase access to care.

PROTECT AHCCCS' ABILITY TO REMAIN AN EXEMPLARLY, LOW-COST, HIGH-QUALITY MEDICAID PROGRAM: Support efforts to maximize the federal funding for the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) program. Oppose proposals that increase the hidden healthcare tax on business, create an adverse fiscal impact on state government or increase the rate of uncompensated care on the healthcare industry.

SUPPORT STABILIZATION OF INSURANCE MARKETS: Support measures to stabilize the health insurance market and help reduce





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healthcare costs and insurance premiums. Oppose insurance mandates, single-payer and other programs that seek to compete against the private market. Advocate for free-market initiatives and oppose mandates such as price controls.

Immigration & Trade:

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND TRADE AND GLOBAL COMMERCE: Promote the creation and modernization of free trade agreements to bolster the state's economy and oppose any federal regulations and/or tariffs that would reduce Arizona's global economic competitiveness. Ensure cross-border trade proceeds without interruption whenever practicable.

SUPPORT TARIFF POLICY THAT ENCOURAGES GROWTH IN U.S. MANUFACTURING AND AGRICULTURE: Oppose new tariffs that harm global trade relationships and U.S. manufacturing. Encourage U.S. manufacturing jobs by supporting efforts to correct certain harmful tariffs. Advocate for regular renewal of the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill. Oppose unilateral executive branch imposition of tariffs and withdrawal from existing trade agreements, and ensure Congress authorizes any new tariffs and amendments to existing trade agreements.

ADVOCATE FOR ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO FACILITATE TRADE AND TRAVEL: Support efforts to provide additional Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at Arizona international ports of entry to make the flow of commerce across the border more timely, efficient, and secure. Oppose efforts that divert CBP personnel away from ports of entry. Support the hiring of CBP Agriculture Specialists to expedite commerce in agriculture items. Modernize Arizona's port of entry infrastructure

to reduce congestion and improve trade throughput. Oppose policies that disadvantage land crossings versus air travel.

EXTEND PERMANENT LEGAL PROTECTIONS TO DACA POPULATION: Advocate to extend permanent legal protections to replace the Executive Order that created Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and allow the DACA recipients to apply under a new Congressionally-approved program.

ADVOCATE FOR THE PASSAGE OF BILATERAL TAX TREATIES: Support all efforts to bring bilateral tax treaties up for a vote in the U.S. Senate. Advocate for the expeditious passage of these treaties to avoid real harm on multi-national corporations.

SUPPORT COMPREHENSIVE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION REFORMS THAT INCLUDE A MARKET DRIVEN FEDERAL FOREIGN WORKER SYSTEM: Restructure the federal visa program to better respond to labor market demands and, in appropriate circumstances, make foreign worker visas permanent so that businesses and employees have more predictability in their employment situations. Improve employer access to advanced degree holders by allowing foreign graduates of American universities to work in the United States legally. Support legislation that allows undocumented youth who graduate from college or university or enlist in the military and meet other rigorous conditions to apply for U.S. citizenship. Enact a guest worker program that creates a legal path to work temporarily in the United States. Streamline the visa process for foreign investors, workers and travelers by allowing for creative solutions, including visas for property ownership and investment. Support the creation of a fast, accurate and easy-to-use electronic employment verification system

at the federal level that is adequately funded, non-discriminatory and is uniformly applied in all states. Ensure that use of the system provides real protection from state and federal penalties for employers who rely on it in good faith.

OPEN NEW MARKETS FOR ARIZONA BUSINESS: Advocate for increased access to new markets for Arizona businesses through the enhanced deployment of trade delegations and local trade promotion offices in strategic international locations.

OPPOSE EFFORTS TO LIMIT IMPORTS OF FRESH PRODUCE FROM MEXICO: Oppose efforts by regional interests to institute new seasonality rules that would curb the importation of fresh produce from Mexico. Support improved food distribution mechanism throughout Arizona.

MODERNIZE EXPORT CONTROL SYSTEM: Advocate for a U.S. export control system that is more predictable, efficient and transparent, that controls only those items (goods, software and technology) that truly warrant restrictions for U.S. national security, foreign policy and other reasons for control, and allows U.S. businesses to enter more markets that do not present a security risk.

Legal & Regulatory Reform:

OPPOSE FEDERAL REGULATORY OVERREACH: Advocate to retain state or local control over programs in Arizona, where appropriate. Advocate for policies that promote regulatory streamlining, improve agency accountability, reduce time required to conduct reviews and make permitting decisions. Advocate for reversal of federal regulations that have harmed economic growth in the state and country. Oppose regulatory overreach





by agencies acting outside or beyond their originating act. Ensure that regulations are adopted in an open, transparent manner that allows opportunity for input from stakeholders.

SUPPORT STATUTORY IMPROVEMENTS TO DETER SYSTEMIC ABUSE OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM: Improve laws that provide important protections to vulnerable populations by ensuring these laws achieve their intended impact of compliance and do not allow for serial, unnecessary and costly litigation to be brought against Arizona businesses.

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO RECOVER U.S. OVERSIGHT OF INTERNET GOVERNANCE: Support efforts to recover U.S. supervisory authority over the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Numbers (“ICANN”), improve ICANN’s structure to increase transparency and accountability, keep ICANN headquartered in the U.S. and subject to U.S. courts’ jurisdiction, and prohibit ICANN from seeking or acting on “international organization” or any other status which could serve to limit U.S. courts’ ability to hold ICANN accountable for its actions.

SUPPORT THE RULE OF REASON IN ANTITRUST LAW: Protect U.S. brands and American jobs by supporting the “Rule of Reason” and opposing efforts to repeal the U.S. Supreme Court’s sound antitrust decision in the Leegin case; work towards harmonizing state laws to uphold the “Rule of Reason.”

ENSURE ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES AND FINANCIAL MARKETS FOR BUSINESS: Support policies that allow for greater access to financial services and financial markets for legal businesses.

REMOVE ARIZONA FROM THE 9TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS: Support efforts to remove Arizona from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Establish a new 12th Circuit Court of Appeals comprised of Arizona and other Western states.

Taxation:

SUPPORT TAX REFORM TO INCREASE U.S. COMPETITIVENESS: Support a taxation system that is globally competitive, fair, consistent, easily administered, and equitable and that provides revenue on the broadest possible basis at the lowest possible tax rates. Oppose efforts to make U.S. corporate tax code less globally competitive. Oppose policies that would increase the tax burden on small businesses.

ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT IN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ZONES: Promote and educate potential investors about federal tax incentives available for investment in a qualified Opportunity Zone. Advocate to allow modifications to Opportunity Zone maps, for an extension beyond the current time allocated for tax deferral and for the removal of restrictions that prohibit investment in golf courses within Opportunity Zones.

Technology & Emerging Markets:

PROMOTE INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY: Support Arizona’s public and private universities and companies in providing research and technology expertise and programs to the federal government. Support strong intellectual property standards and innovation in technology that advance solutions, produce jobs, and increase economic success.

ADVOCATE FOR NATIONAL DIGITAL PRIVACY STANDARDS: Consumers and businesses benefit when there is certainty and consistency regarding regulations and enforcement of privacy protections. Privacy laws should be of national concern crafted in the best interest of the United States, avoiding a patchwork quilt of state and international laws that create challenges for businesses and consumers operating in a global economy. Additionally, businesses and government should be transparent about the collection, use and sharing of consumer data and provide clear privacy notices.

Transportation & Infrastructure:

SUPPORT FOR LONG-TERM TRANSPORTATION FUNDING: Advocate for transportation funding that provides Arizona with a fair share of funds for roads, highways, airports and other transportation needs distributed transparently and with results-based accountability. Support the prioritization of funding based on congestion, safety, and goods movement, and oppose earmarks for projects that do not meet these criteria. Work with the state’s congressional delegation and within the federal transportation appropriations process to ensure funding for the development of Interstate 11 and the Sonoran Corridor and for tier 2 projects like the I-10 widening and I-15 Bridges.

Workplace:

PROMOTE WORKPLACE POLICIES THAT ENHANCE ECONOMIC GROWTH: Advocate for federal labor policy that encourages workplace flexibility and reflects employer needs. Ensure any new workplace policies do not impose unworkable burdens on employers. Support efforts to resist broad joint employer regulations that erode the franchise business model.

