

Subject: RE: Public Records Request (AZ-SEN-21-1546)
Date: Friday, November 12, 2021 at 4:17:51 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Chris Kleminich
To: AO Records
CC: Zachery Morris
Attachments: Combined Files - American Oversight 11.2.21.pdf

EXTERNAL SENDER

Hello,

After a careful and thorough search of records, attached are 56 pages of records that are responsive to your November 2 request relating to Senator Vince Leach.

Thank you,

Chris Kleminich

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From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 12:05 PM
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Subject: Public Records Request (AZ-SEN-21-1546)

Dear Public Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Arizona public records laws.

Sincerely,

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Public Records Request: AZ-SEN-21-1546

From: [Arizona Free Enterprise Club](#)
To: [Vince Leach](#)
Subject: A ballot initiative for November 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 4:00:21 PM



Arizonans for Voter ID Ballot Initiative Launched Today

Today [Arizonans for Voter ID](#), a committee sponsored by the Arizona Free Enterprise Club, filed with the Secretary of State the [Arizonans for Voter ID Act](#) ballot initiative. The purpose of the measure is to bring integrity and security to our election process by requiring that no matter how you vote or where you vote, you will be required to provide valid ID when casting your ballot.

Voters in Arizona overwhelmingly agree that they want an election process

that they can believe in and trust. One where it is easy to vote yet hard to cheat.

The Arizonans for Voter ID Act Initiative consists of four key provisions:

1. Improving existing in-person Voter ID requirements
2. Requiring Voter ID on mail-in ballots
3. Preventing Ballot Harvesting by enhancing voter ID requirements for in-person ballot drop off
4. Providing a free voter ID option to lawfully registered Arizona voters who need it for voting

Easy to vote, and hard to cheat. That's the benchmark for elections. US Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito in the recent [Brnovich v. DNC](#) decision upholding two Arizona election integrity laws stated that, "[Arizona law] makes it quite easy for residents to vote." Arizonans have the option to vote in-person on election day, early in-person beginning 27 days before an election, and by mail with a one-time request or perpetually through the Active Early Voter List. No excuse required.

This initiative maintains Arizona voters' accessibility to the ballot box while improving our election processes, especially with requiring objective identification on mail-in ballots. This will prevent legal votes from being rejected and illegal votes from being accepted.

Poll after poll shows that [Arizonans overwhelmingly support Voter ID](#). A poll from April showed that 82% of likely Arizona voters agree that all voters should be required to provide identification before voting. This includes majority support from every race, ethnicity, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents.

And the popularity should be no surprise. Arizonans use these forms of identification commonly in their everyday lives to purchase alcohol or cigarettes, obtain a driver's license, board a commercial flight, donate blood, open a bank account, purchase a firearm, receive unemployment benefits, obtain auto insurance, purchase or rent a home, confirm identity over the phone, and many other basic transactions.

The Initiative is already supported by a growing coalition of both state and national organizations including Heritage Action, Honest Elections Project Action, Foundation for Government Accountability, Goldwater Institute, Arizona Women of Action, AMAC Action, the Republican Liberty Caucus of Arizona, and EZAZ.org.

"The vast majority of Arizona voters support voter ID because it is a common-sense and critical election integrity practice that is increasingly implemented around the country," said Scot Mussi, President of the Free Enterprise Club. "This initiative will ensure that no matter when you vote, where you vote, or how you vote, identification will be required."

The Arizonans for Voter ID Committee is chaired by Arizona voter Vicki Vaughn and Bill Luhrs serving as Chair and Treasurer. To qualify for the 2022 November ballot, the campaign will need to gather 237,645 valid signatures by July 7th.

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From: [Steve Barclay](#)
To: [Vince Leach](#)
Cc: [Tom Farley](#); [Steve Barclay](#)
Subject: ALEC Direct-to-Consumer Shipping Law Proposal
Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 3:41:02 PM
Attachments: [ALEC Opposing Points One-Pager 7-15-21.pdf](#)

Dear Senator Leach --

I heard from Sarah Lamson at the National Beer Wholesalers Association that she had a chance to chat with you while at the RSLC Meeting in Colorado Springs this week. She said she really enjoyed visiting with you.

Sarah mentioned that you expressed concerns about the model legislation "statement of principles" being proposed within ALEC and set for discussion in Salt Lake City later this month, dealing with the subject of direct-to-consumer shipments of alcohol (DTC). My client, the Beer and Wine Distributors of Arizona (BWDA) is very opposed to this proposed legislation -- as is NBWA (as I'm sure Sarah mentioned to you). We have several concerns with this idea -- for example, it would hamper important luxury tax collections by ADOR here. Attached is a fact sheet that explains other reasons why this is an ill-advised proposal and should certainly not be adopted as a model bill.

There was a bill based on this DTC idea introduced last session at the urging of Mike Williams, but it was viewed as so problematic that it never got a hearing in the House.

Our many concerns with the DTC proposal are shared by Tom Farley's client, the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers Association of Arizona too. He and I have been lobbying Arizona lawmakers who are on the ALEC CIED task force considering the idea (Sen. Ugenti Rita, Reps. Cook, Dunn and Wilmeth) to ask them to vote no, if a vote is taken on adopting the model bill. If you happen to have a chance to speak to any of them at ALEC and can reinforce that this idea is wrongheaded and should be rejected, Tom and I would sure appreciate it.

Thanks, and I would be happy to discuss this issue with you further, at your convenience. I hope you are enjoying some relaxing time off.

Steve Barclay

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WHY STATES SHOULD REJECT DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER SHIPPING

*Opposing Points to ALEC's Statement of Principles on
Direct-to-Consumer Shipping of Liquor*



At their upcoming Annual Meeting, the ALEC CIED Task Force is being asked to consider a statement of principles supporting direct-to-consumer shipping of liquor. Alcohol policy is generally not an area where model policy works since each state regulates the product so differently, but a model policy trying to equate all alcohol and open up channels many states have rejected is an especially bad idea. Below are a few reasons why this statement of principles should be opposed.

THE PRINCIPLE OF FEDERALISM

One of the three principles of ALEC is federalism. Alcohol regulation represents federalism to its core, as it is the only consumer product with a Constitutional Amendment specifically giving states regulatory authority over it. This is why the United States essentially has 50 different alcohol markets and not one national market. How states treat and regulate liquor is perhaps the best example of this. 17 states have decided that the state itself would control the sale of liquor as their way to control access. Even in the remaining license states, many have purposely limit the number of outlets that can sell liquor. Creating a model policy around liquor direct shipping would fly in the face of many states' public policy goals of controlling and limiting the sale of liquor within their borders.

MODEL DTC SHIPPING IS NOT VIABLE

ALEC is not the first stop for DISCUS in their attempt to achieve a model liquor direct shipping policy. DISCUS attempted to have the Uniform Law Commission (ULC) pass similar model shipping language, and for the last 2 years the ULC has spent hundreds of hours discussing and debating model shipping policy. While the process is still ongoing, the ULC did reach one conclusion: Liquor DTC shipping is not an issue where model policy made any sense. They have now narrowed their scope to only considering model winery-to-consumer shipping. Again, this decision was reached by the ULC commissioners after years of discussions with a wide array of industry stakeholders.

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ALL ALCOHOL IS NOT THE SAME

Alcohol is most definitely not all the same. Every state and the federal government have hundreds of laws that treat beer, wine, and liquor very differently. Tax rates, access and available outlets, payment terms, marketing, trade practices and yes, direct shipping are among the issues where states treat the different product categories differently. Speaking specifically to beer, not only is it regulated differently, it has vastly different characteristics to liquor, such as its' perishability and need to be temperature controlled throughout the supply chain.

Additionally, a states' interest in limiting or controlling the sale of liquor versus beer or wine is present across the country. 17 states have control models where the state handles the sale of liquor while many more have limits on the number of outlets that can sell liquor. Opening up unlimited direct sales would contradict the policy goals of limiting sales of these high-alcohol products and blow a huge hole in state budgets as revenue losses will be massive.

DTC LIMITATIONS ARE UPHELD IN COURTS

The legal description by ALEC in its second principle is misleading. The U.S. Supreme Court in both *Granholm v. Heald*, 544 U.S. 460 (2005) and the *Tenn. Wine & Spirits Retailers Ass'n. v Thomas*, 139 U.S. 1449 (2019) upheld that **"the three-tier system is unquestionably legitimate."** As a result, there are 50 different state alcohol markets in the U.S., each with their own unique approach to regulating the alcohol industry.

Additionally, courts have held that laws that limit DTC sales to producers below a certain size are valid (see *Blackstar Farms v. Arizona*, 9th Circuit). Volume caps are a perfectly acceptable state policy option and further some of the stated goals of allowing "small" producers access to remote markets. These laws are very common in the beer industry. Lastly, courts have upheld the states' ability to require a face-to-face transaction (see *Baude v. Heath*, 7th Cir.) as a trigger for DTC sales as well.

From: [NFIB Arizona](#)
Subject: Arizona's Economic Outlook Ranking Falls in Latest ALEC Report
Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 10:50:17 AM



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Arizona's Economic Outlook Ranking Falls in Latest ALEC Report

Legislative action needed to help reverse a troubling trend

PHOENIX, May 12, 2021—The latest annual *Rich States, Poor States* [report released today](#) had some sobering news for Arizona, which came in 13th place in the report's economic outlook ranking.

"While we slipped three places in the ranking, are no longer in the top ten, and are approaching what could be a crisis of competitiveness, hope still remains that we can correct course," said Chad Heinrich, Arizona state director for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), which released its latest [Small Business Economic Trends report](#), yesterday. Rich States, Poor States is produced by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

Of the 15 variables the report uses for its economic outlook ranking, Arizona received poor grades for its top marginal personal income tax rate (42), state minimum wage rate (44), and sales tax burden (45).

"To help small businesses the State Legislature must focus on fixing the disparate tax treatment of commercial property, reforming Arizona's individual income tax code with small businesses in mind, and making our unemployment insurance (UI) trust fund solvent without raising taxes on Main Street enterprises, the latter of which is not measured in the Rich States, Poor States report," said Heinrich.

The NFIB poll released yesterday showed an increase in small business optimism over the previous month's increase but keeping the small-business economy from soaring is the drag of record highs in unfilled job openings.

"Gov. Doug Ducey's signing of liability protection legislation will help Arizona's small businesses open with confidence as we return to pre-pandemic business operations, as will Arizona conforming with several small-business-focused tax provisions in the federal CARES Act. The two big questions Main Street entrepreneurs have are: Will they be hit with a double whammy if the legislature increases unemployment taxes while UI rates have also increased due to the pandemic and how deeply would a federal effort to raise the minimum-wage rate to \$15 an hour affect their operations," said Heinrich. [Click here](#) for the latest research on the minimum wage.

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To: [Vince Leach](#)
Subject: Breaking Through COVID-19 Lies, Health Care Freedom, and Education Savings Accounts
Date: Sunday, June 20, 2021 6:13:57 PM





We invite you to join State Government Relations Manager Samantha Fillmore and our special guest Jonathan Williams, chief economist and executive vice president of policy at ALEC, as we discuss post-pandemic economics. Among topics on the agenda, we will discuss the pressing post-pandemic policy issues that are prevalent throughout the country. We will also examine states' economic success stories over the past year, as well as those that made monumental monetary mistakes. Once again, please join us for this timely, compelling discussion. [Register Here.](#)



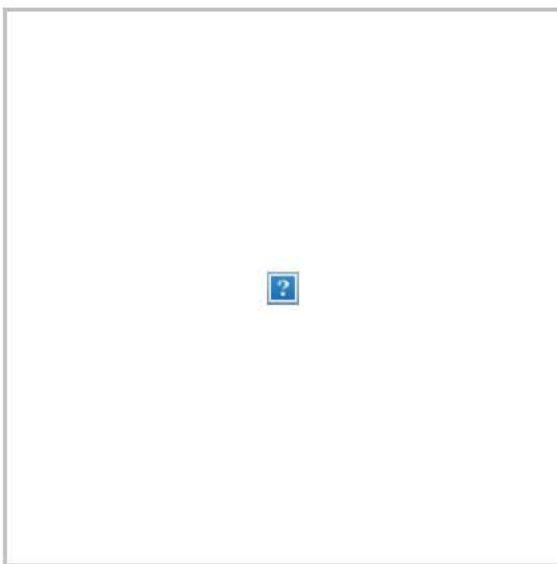
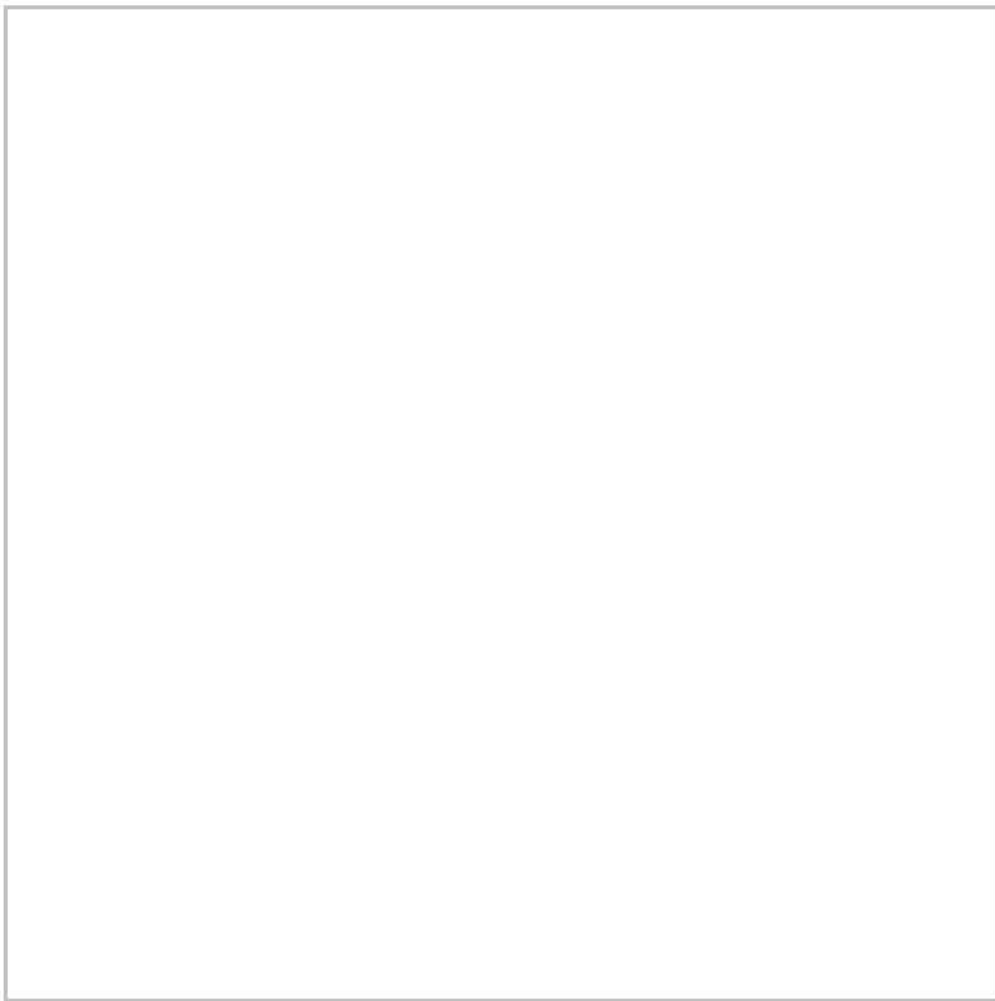
Research & Commentary: Mediocrity of Oklahoma's 'Best' Public School District Highlights Need for ESA Program in Sooner State

In his latest *Research & Commentary*, Tim Benson analyzes education standards and the Oklahoma public school rankings. With only 44 percent of Jenks School District students proficient in reading, and 42 percent in math, it is clear the status quo in Oklahoma's public school system is not working. [Read Now.](#)

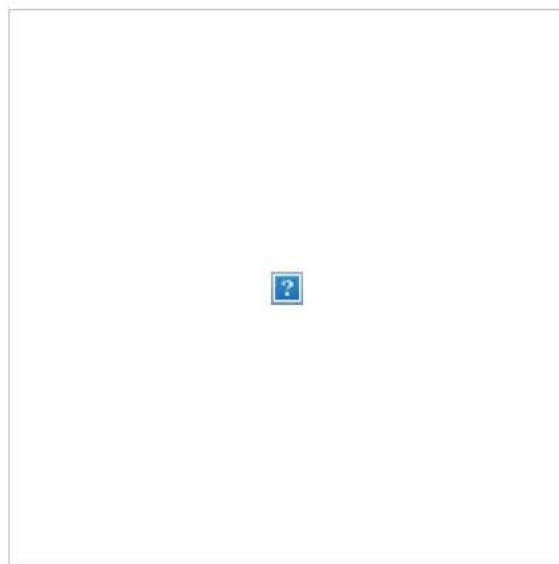


Webinar: Heartland's Health Care Freedom Webinar

This week, The Heartland Institute's Government Relations team hosted a health care webinar for state legislators. Christina Herrin discussed the many successes for health care freedom in the 2021 legislative session. Learn more about telehealth expansion, direct primary care, certificate of need reform, and other victories that have occurred in several states and what's in store for next year. [Watch Now.](#)



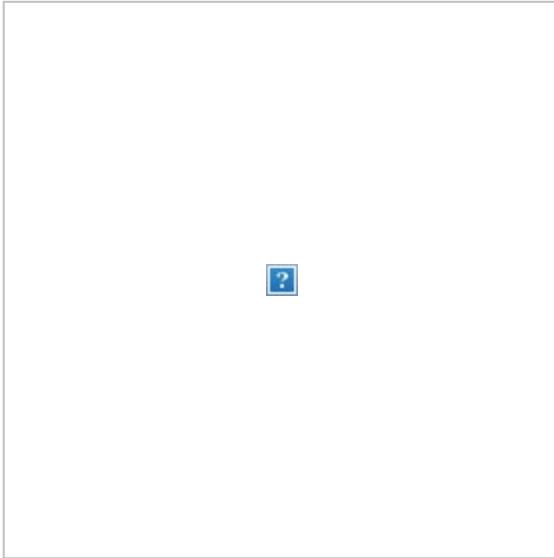
**Podcast: Breaking Through the
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**Podcast: Lincoln in Private (Guest
Ronald C. White)**

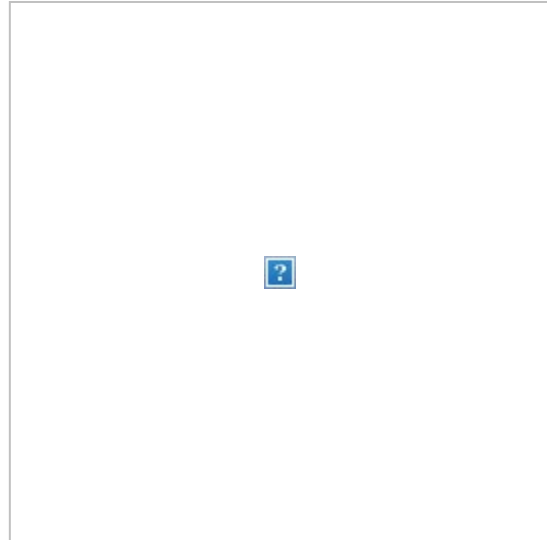
In a recent podcast, Christina Herrin interviews Sarah Anderson, director of policy for FreedomWorks. The discussion focuses on dispelling COVID-19 mistruths, vaccine passport mandates, and wasteful government spending. The COVID-19 pandemic has led to power grabs by Washington, DC bureaucrats, and Americans are tired of the lies and deserve the truth. [Listen Here.](#)

In his latest podcast, Tim Benson is joined by *New York Times* bestselling author Ronald C. White to discuss his new book, *Lincoln in Private: What His Most Personal Reflections Tell Us About Our Greatest President*. They discuss the most significant of the 111 writing scraps Lincoln left behind, why these writings are important, and how they help broaden our understanding of Honest Abe. [Listen Now.](#)



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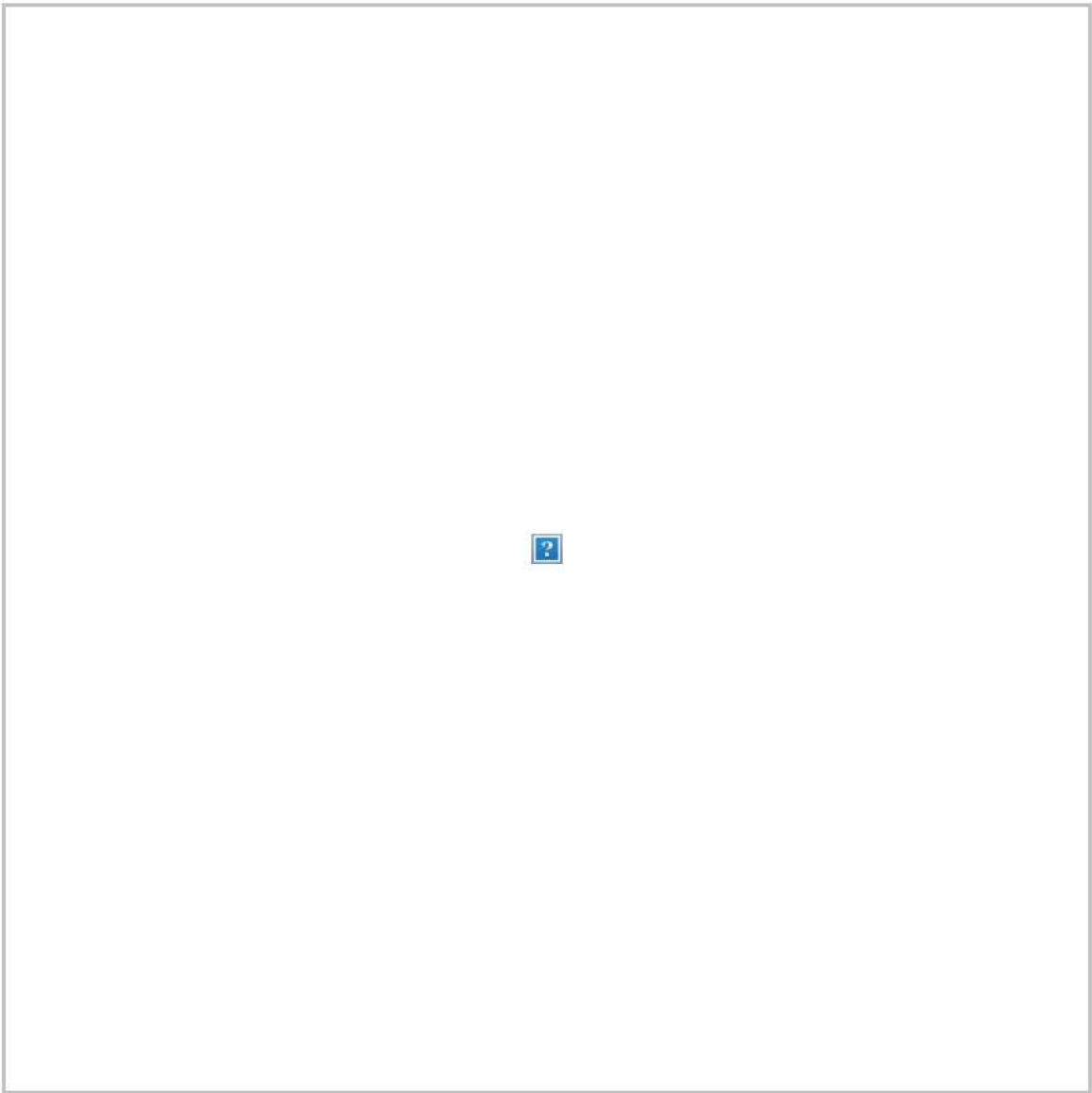


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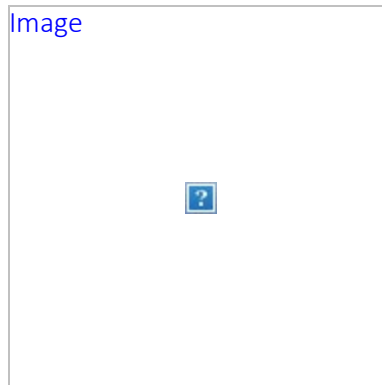
Here's the ALEC email I referenced in my last email. Thank you. Jeff

From: Ronnie Lampard <[REDACTED]>
Date: Friday, June 25, 2021 at 5:00 PM
To: Lauren Krisai <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Fwd: Support Senate Bill 1064

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Date: June 25, 2021 at 4:59:13 PM EDT
To: "Quorum Example (BCC)" <[REDACTED]>
Subject: **Support Senate Bill 1064**
Reply-To: Sarah Wall <[REDACTED]>



June 25, 2021

To: Members of the Arizona House of Representatives
From: ALEC Action
RE: **Support Senate Bill 1064**

Dear Arizona House Members,

Please support [Senate Bill 1064](#) (SB 1064). This legislation incentivizes the participation and completion of reentry programs, reduces recidivism, and strengthens public safety in Arizona. SB 1064 would safely reduce incarceration rates by expanding earned release credits for individuals convicted of nonviolent offenses if they complete rehabilitative programming.

By comparison, Arizona is one of *only three states* that requires individuals convicted of nonviolent offenses as defined by state law to serve at least 85% of their sentences before becoming eligible for parole, with the exception of individuals convicted of drug possession offenses. In essence **forty-seven states, including Alabama, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming have more expansive earned credit eligibility laws than Arizona** for individuals in their prisons convicted of nonviolent crimes. These other states that have allowed incarcerated people to be released on parole after serving shorter percentages of their criminal sentences have seen *reductions in both their prison populations and violent crime rates as compared to Arizona*.

Specifically, SB 1064 increases earned release credits for individuals convicted of nonviolent offenses and incentivizes substance abuse, education, skills, and job training programs by allowing those convicted of drug offenses to earn an additional five days for every six days in prison with a total of up to 50% off of their sentence. In addition, those convicted of other nonviolent offenses can earn an additional two days for every six days in prison with a total of up to 33% off of their sentence for successfully completing meaningful programming or actively participating in a qualified work program for at least six months.

Additionally, a floor amendment to SB 1064 would apply the bill to the current drug offender prison population that has already completed or is enrolled in reentry programs and would be prospective only for those convicted of certain nonviolent offenses. The bill also requires victim notification of their earliest release date and adds reporting requirements to better track the success of the earned release credits.

Ultimately, this bill will reduce the length of time certain individuals serve in prison by incentivizing participation in substance abuse programming, along with education and job training programs that have been demonstrated to enhance public safety by lowering recidivism rates. The ALEC model [Resolution in Support of Reentry Programs](#) highlights that of empowering individuals and providing for second chances and redemption while simultaneously promoting the creation of sound reentry policies that promote public safety by reducing recidivism rates. Ultimately, roughly 96% of incarcerated individuals will be released from prison and smart reentry policies will reduce recidivism rates and make the public safer.

Therefore, please vote in favor of **SB 1064**.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michael Bowman, President of ALEC Action at MBowman@alecaction.org.

Sincerely,

Michael Bowman
President
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To: [Daniel Scarpinato](#)
Subject: Fwd: 5 Things To Know About Arizona's Tax Plan
Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 3:42:34 PM

Members,

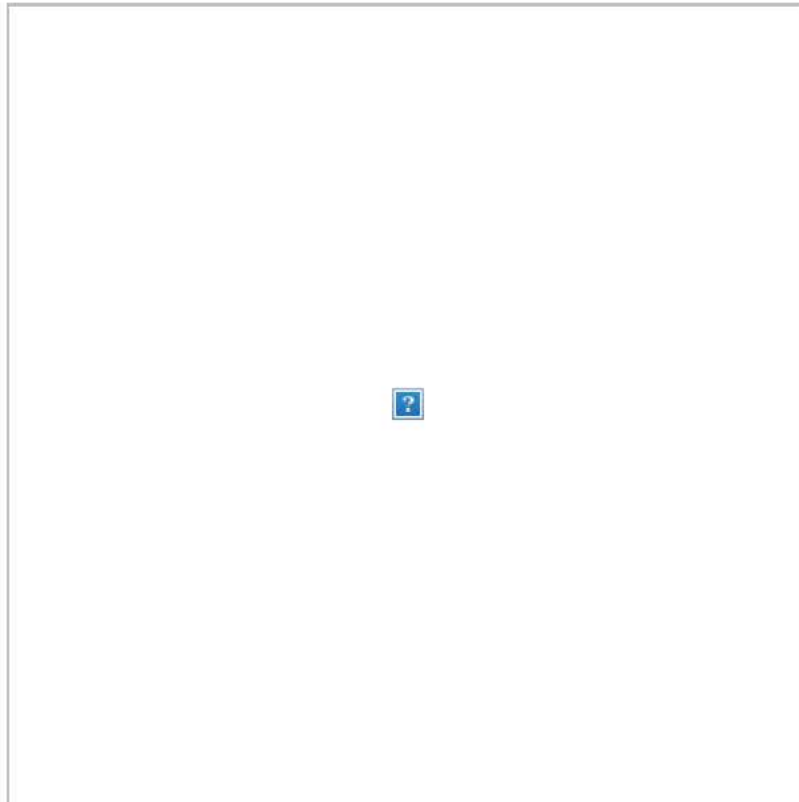
Thank you for your continued leadership on the budget and tax reform.

Please feel free to share with your friends, neighbors and constituents.

Thank you!
Daniel

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Date: Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 3:37 PM
Subject: 5 Things To Know About Arizona's Tax Plan
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5 Things To Know About Arizona's Tax Plan

Not only is Arizona's economy open — it's booming. Unlike other states, we never did a lockdown. Arizona focused on personal responsibility and a balanced approach to the pandemic, which resulted in increased economic growth.

Our population continues to grow, and the state is attracting employers of various industries. Personal income rose last year at a rate faster than nearly any state in the country and an expected 325,000 jobs will be added by Spring 2022.

It's critical that we keep this momentum going. And with Governor Doug Ducey's responsible tax plan, it will.

Here are the top five things to know about the responsible tax reform:

The plan will protect Arizona's small businesses from a 77.7 % tax increase.

-- Small businesses continue to choose Arizona to start, expand or relocate operations. They are the backbone of our state's economy, making up more than 99% of Arizona's businesses and employing more than one million people. Arizona Governor Doug Ducey

This historic plan will protect them from burdensome tax hikes by placing a tax max rate of 4.5% and reducing commercial property taxes.

The plan will keep Arizona competitive with surrounding states like Nevada, California and Texas.

Prior to Prop 208, Arizona had one of the lowest income tax rates in the country, allowing the state to compete for mega-projects against states with zero income tax, such as Nevada and Texas.

Without this tax reform plan, Arizona would join California in having one of the highest income taxes in the country.

According to the Tax Foundation, the individual income tax is an [important factor for businesses](#), and higher or more progressive tax rates reduce investment, hiring and small business growth.

According to ALEC, enactment of the Legislature and Governor's tax reform plan would improve Arizona's [economic outlook ranking](#) from 13th best to 3rd best in the country; prior to the surcharge we were ranked 10th.

This plan will eliminate all state income taxes on those who served our nation.

Veterans put their lives on the line to protect our nation — and government should honor their service. This budget does this by eliminating all state income taxes on their military pensions.

This plan will save money for taxpayers while allowing for record investments in areas important to Arizonans.

Every Arizonan—no matter their income—will see a tax cut under this plan. However, it still leaves room for record investments in infrastructure, public safety, education and more. Arizona will invest in State Trooper body cameras, K-12 schools, universities, community colleges, infrastructure, long-term water projects, child care and affordable housing.

Under this tax plan, Arizona will remain structurally balanced to fund the things that matter.

Currently, Arizona is set to have a \$4 billion surplus, and under this budget, Governor Ducey will deliver a historic tax cut, build on investments in the things that matter AND will keep Arizona structurally balanced to pay its bills. This tax cut will draw even more investment into the state.

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Subject: Key Vote Alert: Vote "Yes" on S.B. 1849
Date: Thursday, June 24, 2021 11:09:38 AM
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June 24, 2021

Dear Senators,

We are writing today to ask you to vote yes on S.B. 1849, which addresses the basic needs of incarcerated women. When it comes to improving the justice system, public safety must always come first. Within the context of criminal justice reform, we work to hold people and government agencies accountable, ensure fiscal responsibility, and maintain principles of limited government. Our endeavors also include advancing human dignity, as we believe every life – including those who have made mistakes – still has inherent value and meaning.

We commend those in the law enforcement, legal, and public policy communities who have worked with the Ducey administration and the legislature over the years to make Arizona a better place to live. As you consider how to continue improving the state's criminal justice system, we urge you to focus on the plight of incarcerated women.

Women are the fastest growing demographic in Arizona's prisons.^[1] Unfortunately, the corrections system is often not equipped to address gender-specific issues. As such, we urge you to address the dangerous and unnecessary practice of shackling pregnant women. Doing so serves no true security value, as a woman in labor is unlikely to be able to outrun a corrections officer. Yet, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists stated that shackling pregnant women endangers both the mother and child.^[2]

Senate Bill 1849 provides a greater degree of dignity for incarcerated women. This bill is based on model legislation endorsed by the American Legislative Exchange Council which addresses incarcerated women by protecting pregnant women, providing hygiene products, and helping to maintain the relationship between parent and child.^[3]

We seek to stand up for those who do not have a voice. By unnecessarily shackling a pregnant

mother and potentially harming an unborn child should raise concerns for every Arizonan regardless of their political party. Respecting every human life is a value we all share, therefore it would be inconsistent to allow a practice that threatens life, for no bona fide security reason, to continue in Arizona's prisons.

This legislation also provides an opportunity to improve public safety, by maintaining vital ties between incarcerated parents and children. Securing these bonds has not only been proven to reduce recidivism, but also help break the intergenerational cycle of crime and poverty plaguing many of our communities.^[4]

Equally important, the legislation provides basic feminine hygiene products to women who need them. When women are not afforded the basic hygiene products, the health risks can be severe. Toxic shock, infection, infertility—it is a game of Russian roulette and not a price that anyone should have to pay. Failing to act will waste precious taxpayer dollars without any additional public safety benefit on account of the high cost of medical services in our state's prisons.

This coalition of organizations recognizes that for some, our recommendations represent a paradigm shift. To ensure that every woman in Arizona's prison system is accorded basic human dignity, we urge you to vote yes on S.B. 1849 when it comes to the Senate floor. Please feel free reach out to any of us if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Kaitlin Owens
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Kurt Altman
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Right on Crime

Michael Bowman
President
ALEC Action

Patrick Purtill
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Faith & Freedom Coalition

^[1] FWD.us, *Arizona's Imprisonment Crisis: The Harm to Women and Families* (2018), <https://www.fwd.us/news/arizona-imprisonment-crisis-part-3/>.

^[2] Committee on Health Care for Underserved Women, *Health Care for Pregnant and Postpartum Incarcerated Women and Adolescent Females*, The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (2011), https://journals.lww.com/greenjournal/Citation/2011/11000/Committee_Opinion_No_511_Health_Care_for.50.aspx.

^[3] See ALEC's model policy regarding dignity for women incarcerated here: <https://www.alec.org/model-policy/dignity-for-incarcerated-women/>.

^[4] Julie Poehlmann-Tynan & Katie Pritzl, *Parent-Child Visits When Parents Are Incarcerated in Prison or Jail* in HANDBOOK ON CHILDREN WITH INCARCERATED PARENTS (2019); Megan Mitchell, et al., *The effect of prison visitation on reentry success: A meta-analysis*, 47 J. Crim. Just. 74 (2016).

From: [Boaz Witbeck](#)
To: [Boaz Witbeck](#)
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May 24, 2021

Dear Senators,

We are writing you today in regard to legislation addressing incarcerated women. When it comes to improving the justice system, public safety must always come first. Within the context of criminal justice reform, we work to hold people and government agencies accountable, ensure fiscal responsibility, and maintain principles of limited government. Our endeavors also include advancing human dignity, as we believe every life – including those who have made mistakes – still has inherent value and meaning.

We commend those in the law enforcement, legal, and public policy communities who have worked with the Governor and legislature over the past years to make Arizona a better place to live. As you consider how to continue improving the state's criminal justice system, we urge you to focus on the plight of incarcerated women.

Women are the fastest growing demographic in Arizona's prisons.^[1] Unfortunately, the corrections system is often not equipped to address gender-specific issues. As such, we urge you to address the dangerous and unnecessary practice of shackling pregnant women. Doing so serves no true security value, as a woman in labor is unlikely to be able to outrun a corrections officer. Yet, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists stated that shackling pregnant women endangers both the mother and child.^[2]

Senate Bill 1526 provides a greater degree of dignity for incarcerated women. This bill is based on model legislation endorsed by the American Legislative Exchange Council which addresses incarcerated women by protecting pregnant women, providing hygiene products, and helping to maintain the relationship between parent and child.^[3]

As Conservative advocates, we seek to stand up for those who do not have a voice. By unnecessarily shackling a pregnant mother and potentially harming an unborn child should raise concerns for every Arizonan regardless of their political party. Respecting every human life is a value we all share, therefore it would be inconsistent to allow a practice that threatens life, for no bona fide security reason, to continue in Arizona's prisons.

This legislation also provides an opportunity to improve public safety, by maintaining vital ties between incarcerated parents and children. Securing these bonds has not only been proven to reduce recidivism, but also help break the intergenerational cycle of crime and poverty plaguing many of our communities.^[4]

Equally important, the legislation provides basic feminine hygiene products to women who need

them. When women are not afforded the basic hygiene products, the health risks can be severe. Toxic shock, infection, infertility—it is a game of Russian roulette and not a price that anyone should have to pay. Failing to act will waste precious taxpayer dollars without any additional public safety benefit on account of the high cost of medical services in our state’s prisons.

This coalition of conservative organizations recognizes that for some, our recommendations represent a paradigm shift. But as you consider legislation this session, we urge you to address these issues to ensure that every woman in Arizona’s prison system is accorded basic human dignity.

Respectfully,

Kaitlin Owens
Deputy Director of Advocacy
Nolan Center for Justice
American Conservative Union

Boaz Witbeck
Deputy State Director
Americans for Prosperity Arizona

[1] FWD.us, *Arizona’s Imprisonment Crisis: The Harm to Women and Families* (2018), <https://www.fwd.us/news/arizona-imprisonment-crisis-part-3/>.

[2] Committee on Health Care for Underserved Women, *Health Care for Pregnant and Postpartum Incarcerated Women and Adolescent Females*, The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (2011), https://journals.lww.com/greenjournal/Citation/2011/11000/Committee_Opinion_No_511_Health_Care_for.50.aspx.

[3] See ALEC’s model policy regarding dignity for women incarcerated here: <https://www.alec.org/model-policy/dignity-for-incarcerated-women/>.

[4] Julie Poehlmann-Tynan & Katie Pritzl, *Parent–Child Visits When Parents Are Incarcerated in Prison or Jail* in HANDBOOK ON CHILDREN WITH INCARCERATED PARENTS (2019); Megan Mitchell, et al., *The effect of prison visitation on reentry success: A meta-analysis*, 47 J. Crim. Just. 74 (2016).

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Heartland Institute Webinar Series

Pandemic Economics: An Overview of State Fiscal Policy in 2021

We invite you to join State Government Relations Manager

Samantha Fillmore and our special guest Jonathan Williams, chief economist and executive vice president of policy at ALEC, as we discuss post-pandemic economics. Among topics on the agenda, we will discuss the pressing post-pandemic policy issues that are prevalent throughout the country.

We will also examine states' economic success stories over the past year, as well as those that made monumental monetary mistakes. Once again, please join us for this timely, compelling discussion.

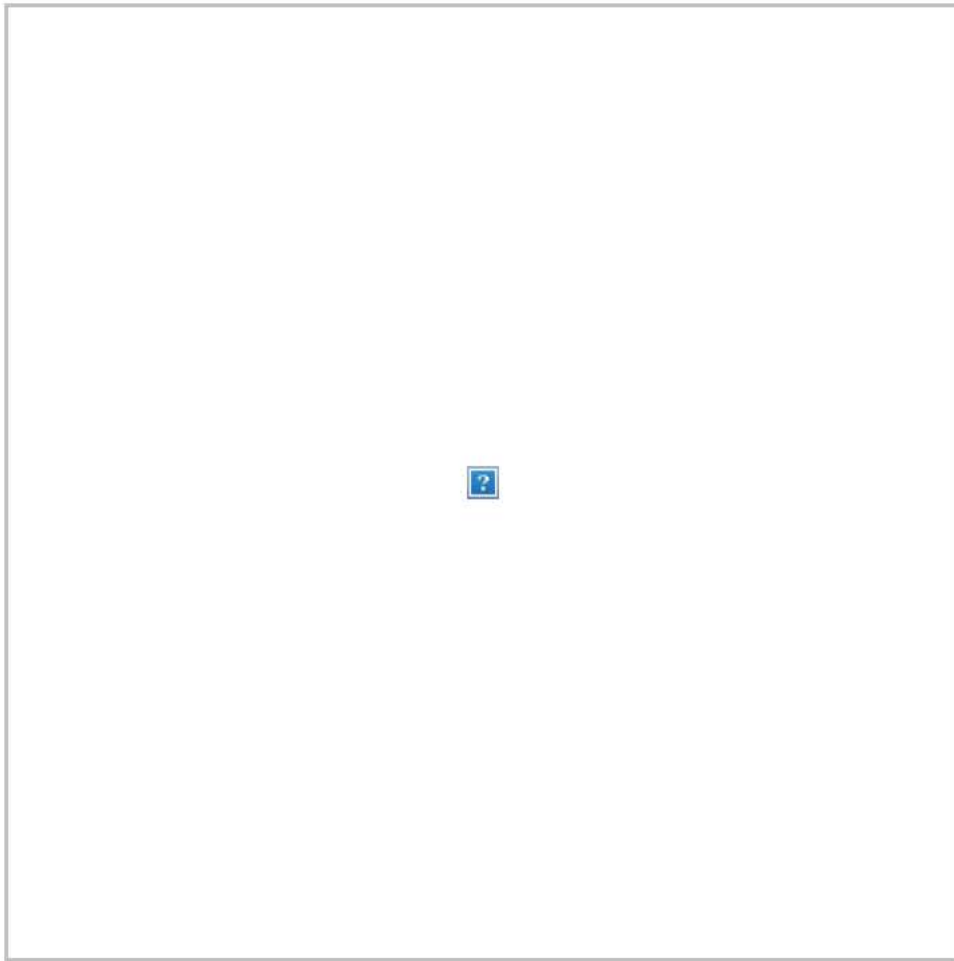
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Senator – we represent the Justice Action Network in support of SB 1064. Attached is a summary sheet of the bill with the house amendments that were adopted. In addition, you can see from the logos at the bottom of the document, that many conservative organizations like ATR, AFP, and others support the bill. ALEC's logo is not on the list, but I will forward an email they sent out in the House supporting the bill. Please vote yes. Thank you. Jeff

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SB 1064 Background/Talking points

A Smart and Safe Approach to Reducing Recidivism and Increasing Public Safety

Arizona is one of only three states that requires nonviolent offenders to serve at least 85% of their sentences before becoming eligible for release to supervision, with the exception of drug possession offenders.

Other states that have allowed inmates to be released after serving shorter percentages of their sentences behind bars have seen reductions in their prison populations and violent crime rates as compared to Arizona.

This legislation, sponsored by Senator Mesnard, will safely reduce the length of time served in prison by incentivizing nonviolent offenders to participate in programming proven to reduce recidivism in Arizona or in other jurisdictions in order to address substance abuse issues or equip them with new skills and training that reduces recidivism upon release.

Many states that allow inmates to be released from prison earlier than Arizona do not tie that release to completion of any programming. For example, inmates convicted of a nonviolent offense in Mississippi are eligible for parole after serving 25% of their sentences—this is not based on program completion.

Under this bill, only individuals that have completed certain programs or engaged in certain work programs for a set amount of time are eligible for additional earned credits. This will bring Arizona more in line with the overwhelming majority of states (47) that allow nonviolent offenders to be released from prison before serving 85% of their sentence behind bars.

This bill will bring about tremendous cost savings for Arizona taxpayers, which can be reinvested into recidivism reduction or re-entry/community supervision programming. Recent [economic analysis](#) from Rounds Consulting Group, Inc. found that SB 1064 has the potential to save Arizona over \$600 million over the next 10 years.

The bill is very similar to, but more narrowly tailored than, HB 2808 from 2020 that passed out of the House unanimously, and HB 2713 that passed out of the House this year. The issue of earned release credits has been worked on by the Legislature for three years now.

SB 1064 does the following:

- Allows drug offenders to earn an additional 5 days for every 6 days (total of 50%) and other nonviolent offenders earn an additional 2 days for every 6 days (total of 33%) for successfully completing meaningful programming or having actively participated in a qualified work program for at least 6 months. (Current law allows all offenders to earn 1 day for every 6 days (15%); the total percentages above include the 15% under current law).
- The proposed House Floor Amendment clarifies that all eligible programs must show that they have reduced recidivism in Arizona or another jurisdiction. The amendment also ensures that the programming meets the prisoner's assessed needs and is likely to contribute to reducing their risk of recidivism.
- The current version of the bill excludes 59 offenses and the House Floor amendment would capture 16 more offenses that some policymakers have considered to be violent or serious, bringing the total number of excluded offenses to **75**. This bill only applies to a non-violent population and is this one of the most conservative earned release credits bills in the country.

- Does not change the sentences of qualified inmates who earn additional earned release credits; they would instead serve a larger percentage of their sentences under community supervision, and would still be under correctional control rather than taking up valuable bed space within the Department of Corrections.
- Requires the Department to make a functional literacy determination and, if necessary, provide the programming and standardized assessment test while ensuring that inmates are not held past their eligible release dates. Also allows the DOC to mandate the literacy test and programming be taken while on community supervision instead.
- Allows the Director to declare all or a portion of release credits earned by a prisoner to be forfeited for failure to adhere to the rules of the Department.
- Clarifies when an inmate may apply for restoration of credits after a certain amount of time has passed.
- Requires additional victim notification of the inmate's earliest release date.
- Adds reporting requirements to better track the success of the additional credits and the effectiveness of the programs offered in the Department.
- The bill would apply retroactively to an individual currently serving a sentence for a drug offense and apply prospectively to individuals sentenced to a non-drug and non-violent offense after the bill goes into effect.
- The proposed House Floor Amendment further requires a needs assessment be completed within 15 days of a person's admission to prison, as well as develop a case plan determining the type and amount of programming that is appropriate to assign the person to.
- The proposed House Floor Amendment also requires that ADCRR must expand the type, number, and availability of programs for people to eligible to receive additional earned release credits by December 2022, and for all incarcerated people by December 2024.
- Finally, the House Floor Amendment includes additional reporting requirements to track the efficacy of programming within ADCRR, and adds language into the bill that allows savings to be reinvested to hire additional community corrections employees and expand programs offered through community corrections.



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Senator Leach,

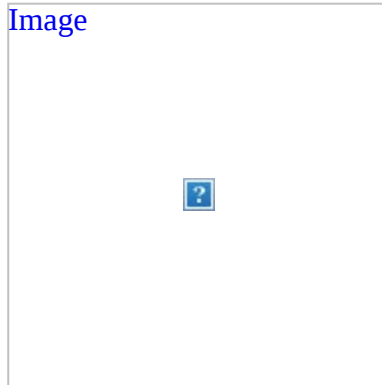
I met you several years ago in Nashville at the ALEC Conference. I'm writing to ask for your support for SB1142 sponsored by Senator Barto. I realize tax incentives are not popular with tax hawks, which I'm one. But this makes sense and is a win-win for people living with serious mental illness and our state.

Please take a moment to watch a video we produced featuring my son and his employer, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2VX7OtO8Qqs>
You can also visit ihavepurpose.net to read more statistics and reasons why so many support this effort.

Thank you for all you do! It is so appreciated. Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Deborah Geesling


From: [Michael Bowman](#)
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June 29, 2021

To: Members of the Arizona Senate
From: ALEC Action
RE: **Support Senate Bill 1064**

Dear Arizona Senate Members,

Please support [Senate Bill 1064](#) (SB 1064). This legislation incentivizes the participation and completion of reentry programs, reduces recidivism, and strengthens public safety in Arizona. SB 1064 would safely reduce incarceration rates by expanding earned release credits for individuals convicted of nonviolent offenses if they complete rehabilitative programming.

By comparison, Arizona is one of *only three states* that requires individuals convicted of nonviolent offenses as defined by state law to serve at least 85% of their sentences before becoming eligible for parole, with the exception of individuals convicted of drug possession offenses. In essence **forty-seven states, including Alabama, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming have more expansive earned credit eligibility laws than Arizona** for individuals in their prisons convicted of nonviolent crimes. These other states that have allowed incarcerated people to be released on parole after serving shorter percentages of their criminal sentences have seen *reductions in both their prison populations and violent crime rates as compared to Arizona*.

Specifically, SB 1064 increases earned release credits for individuals convicted of nonviolent offenses and incentivizes substance abuse, education, skills, and job training programs by allowing those convicted of drug offenses to earn an additional five days for every six days in prison with a total of up to 50% off of their sentence. In addition, those convicted of other nonviolent offenses can earn an additional two days for every six days in prison with a total of up to 33% off of their sentence for successfully completing meaningful programming or actively participating in a qualified work program for at least six months.

Additionally, a floor amendment to SB 1064 would apply the bill to the current drug offender prison population that has already completed or is enrolled in reentry programs and would be prospective only for those convicted of certain nonviolent offenses. The bill also requires victim notification of their earliest release date and adds reporting requirements to better track the success of the earned release credits.

Ultimately, this bill will reduce the length of time certain individuals serve in prison by incentivizing participation in substance abuse programming, along with education and job training programs that have been demonstrated to enhance public safety by lowering recidivism rates. The ALEC model [Resolution in Support of Reentry Programs](#) highlights that of empowering individuals and providing for second chances and redemption while simultaneously promoting the creation of sound reentry policies that promote public safety

by reducing recidivism rates. Ultimately, roughly 96% of incarcerated individuals will be released from prison and smart reentry policies will reduce recidivism rates and make the public safer.

Therefore, please vote in favor of **SB 1064**.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michael Bowman, President of ALEC Action at MBowman@alecaction.org.

Sincerely,

Michael Bowman
President
ALEC Action

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ICYMI: Across the States Podcast: Donor Privacy and SCOTUS



The U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments on Monday, April 26th, for *Americans for Prosperity v. Becerra* - a case concerning donor disclosure and the First Amendment. [ALEC submitted an amicus brief](#) to the court concerning this



Kentucky and Second Chances



ALEC Policy Analyst Lourdes Bautista covers the recent wins for reentry and recidivism reduction programs in Kentucky with her latest piece.

"HB 497 will help Kentucky drive down

case in early March, bringing to light what happens when donor privacy isn't preserved—when ideological opponents harass and intimidate people and organizations because of the causes they support. Today the report authors, former FEC Chairman and attorney Lee Goodman, Director for the ALEC Task Force on Communications and Technology Jonathon Hauenschild and Counsel and Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer Bartlett Cleland sit down to discuss the implications of this case and why ALEC chose to take a stand.

its 41% recidivism rate and increase public safety by empowering individuals with meaningful second chances. By enacting this law, individuals who were incarcerated will have a better chance at success upon release from prison."



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48th ALEC Annual Meeting, By the Numbers

Just last week the American Legislative Exchange Council successfully wrapped up the 48th ALEC Annual Meeting. By the numbers, this year's Annual Meeting saw:

- Over 1,600 attendees
- 34 model policies considered across the Task Forces
- Over 100 speakers
- Countless friendships made and partnerships found



Check out all of the great presentations and resources available at [ALEC.org](https://www.alec.org) and on YouTube



48th Annual Meeting Speaker Rikki Schlott in the New York Post



Federalism and Making Government Work With Former Secretary Rick Perry



Check out Rikki Schlott, featured in the recent 48th ALEC Annual Meeting, with her latest in the New York Post on free speech across America's campuses.

Read Rikki's article



Watch Rikki's Speech



Secretary of Energy Rick Perry sat down with the manager of the Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force, Carly Good last week on ALECTv to discuss federalism, energy and the accomplishments of the Lone Star State.

Watch the interview



Don't miss out on Sec. Perry's Remarks



As Delta Surges, States Look to Industry Partnerships for Public Health Solutions

With new awareness of the COVID-19 Delta Variant, learn about vaccine production, distribution, and what it all means for you with [this webinar](#). Check out these key insights from industry leaders like UPS, PhRMA and the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, to get the information you need to understand these developing issues.



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ALEC Policy Hour Webinar: Truth in Taxation

Join us **Friday, June 18 at 2:00 PM EST** for a Policy Hour conversation on [Truth in Taxation](#), the gold standard of property tax reform. This year, [Kansas](#) and [Nebraska](#) passed their own Truth in Taxation laws, [following the lead of Utah](#). Tune in to hear ALEC leaders from Kansas and Nebraska sound off on successes and difficulties on the journey to get this policy across the finish line, and get the latest on

the opportunities and benefits this policy brings from ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist Jonathan Williams and Senior Director Lee Schalk.



Extend Your Stay in SLC for a Special Program



Join us on **Friday, July 30 from 2:30 PM -6:15 PM MTD** in **Salt Lake City** for an interactive Academy where attendees will chart a sustainable fiscal path for America. The Congressional Budget Office has long warned that America's federal spending trajectory will bankrupt the nation – and this was before the recent pandemic spending spree! The national debt has topped 100% of GDP threatening Social

Security, national security and the financial security of the American family.

Register today to learn how an Article V amendments convention will actually play out and explore a range of proposals all aimed at putting America's fiscal sustainability to Washington, DC. Participants will cast their ballots to decide which ideas to pursue. Academy registrants will receive a complimentary digital copy of *A Fiscal Cliff* in which co-editor Dr. Barry Poulson observes, "Unless we reform our fiscal rules and institutions, we are not likely to solve the debt crisis and restore sustainable fiscal policies. Given the dysfunction in Congress, there is growing interest in a state-drafted voter-ratified constitutional amendment, such as to require a balanced federal budget." Be part of the solution – we look forward to seeing you.



Special Briefing: A Discussion on the Economy and Unemployment Policies by State



[Join us this Friday, June 11 at 11:00 AM EST](#) for a special conversation on the U.S. economy, the latest jobs report and how states decoupling from boosted federal unemployment benefits is impacting job creation.

Speakers include:

- ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson
- FreedomWorks Economist Stephen Moore
- ALEC Chief Economist and EVP of Policy Jonathan Williams



TODAY! *Other Post-Employment Benefits* Release Call



Join the ALEC Center for State Fiscal Reform to preview the findings of *Other Post-Employment Benefits, 2020* on **Thursday, June 10 at 2:00 PM EST.**

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liabilities total \$968 billion. While unfunded liabilities decreased thanks in part to increases in OPEB funding, many state OPEB funds operate at dangerously low funding ratios. These low funding ratios can mean higher taxes and underfunded benefits for public employees.



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ALEC Policy Hour Webinar: Is Your State Passing or Failing?

Heading into summer, parents across the states have questions about how education moves forward with changing guidelines and easing restrictions. Tune in **Friday, June 4 at 2:00 PM EST** to hear about how recent changes in state legislatures could set our students up for success, and where some states still have room to learn.



This week's discussion will feature key insights from:

- Sen. Patricia Rucker, West Virginia
- Sen. Jeff Raatz, Indiana
- Dr. Michael McShane, Director of National Policy, EdChoice

Tune in and stay up to date on the latest developments on education policy including **Education Savings Accounts, school choice and much more.**



TODAY! Taxing Tech: Will State Regulation Harm Consumers and Raise Prices?



ALEC-Heritage Pension Reform Working Group



Join NetChoice, ALEC and the Center for Growth and Opportunity **this afternoon** as we dive into how proposed state regulation of tech could unfortunately harm consumers by raising prices, decreasing their options and stagnating innovation.



Tune in **TODAY Thursday, June 3 at 1:00 PM EST** to hear leading policy experts like:

- Lisa B. Nelson, CEO, American Legislative Exchange Council
- Katie McAuliffe, Government Affairs Director, American for Tax Reform
- Eli Dourado, Senior Research Fellow, Center for Growth and Opportunity
- Carl Szabo, Vice President, NetChoice

Register today and learn about the free market approach to state-level tech debates, how to protect consumers and empower free enterprise across America.



Join the [ALEC-Heritage Pension Reform Working Group](#) meeting at **2:00 PM EST TODAY, Thursday, June 3**, with guest speaker North Carolina State Treasurer, Dale Folwell.

Previously serving as Speaker Pro Tem of the North Carolina House of Representatives, Treasurer Folwell continues to spearhead major free market reforms in his role as state treasurer.



Other Post-Employment Benefits Release Call

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Go for Gold At the Utah Olympic Park



Stephen Moore, FreedomWorks Economist, released a paper titled, "The New 'Trust Busters' Are A Danger To American Prosperity and Tech Dominance."

In the paper, Moore delineates how proposals like the Trust-Busting for the Twenty-First Century Act, and other populist proposals would devastate the American economy and global leadership.

"Following in the steps of populists will cripple America's prowess and technological leadership. We must not, cannot, and should not use the chainsaw of regulation to weaponize antitrust and tear apart the American economy."

Moore's paper describes the threats posed to America's technological leadership on the global stage by hyper-aggressive trust-busting and anti-merger-and-acquisition activities by our federal lawmakers and agencies.



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ALEC Policy Hour Webinar: Telehealth Beyond COVID

As we begin to see COVID-19 related policy transform across the states, many are wondering what changes from the past year could benefit us going forward, like telehealth. Join ALEC policy experts, allies and state legislators to discuss telehealth reform efforts across the states, including [Arizona's recently passed HB 2454](#).



This week's discussion will feature key insights from:

- Naomi Lopez, Director of Healthcare Policy at the Goldwater Institute
- Brooklyn Roberts, Senior Director of the ALEC Health and Human Services task force

Tune in and stay up to date on the latest developments on telehealth policy including **online prescribing of prescription drugs, remote patient monitoring and much more.**



New Study: The Dangers of Increased Corporate Tax



Truth in Taxation Comes to Nebraska



The National Association of Manufacturers recently [released](#) a new study showing that several of proposed tax increases, including the proposal to **raise the corporate rate to 25%**, would inflict significant damage on the American economy.

Read the study to hear about the dangers like:

- **One million jobs** lost in the first two years.
- By 2023, GDP could fall by **\$107 billion**, by **\$169 billion** in 2026 and by **\$89 billion** in 2031.
- Ordinary capital, or investments in equipment and structures, would be reduced by **\$70 billion** in 2023, reduced by *another* \$70 billion in 2026, and by \$51 billion less in 2031.



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This week, the Nebraska passed LB644, which requires direct notification of property taxpayers, by mail, about proposals for local property tax increase. Nebraska follows Kansas, whose own Truth in Taxation bill was signed into law on March 26, and Utah, which has had this type of legislation in place for more than 30 years.

Check out the [ALEC Truth in Taxation Act Model Policy](#), and learn more below about Nebraska's bill.





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The 14th edition of *Rich States, Poor States: the ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index* Authored by Dr. Arthur B. Laffer, FreedomWorks Economist Stephen Moore, ALEC Chief Economist Jonathan Williams is out now, with new findings and powerful stories about the impact of policy in the states.

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ALEC Chief Innovation Officer and General Counsel Bartlett Cleland breaks down the nuance and significance in the donor disclosure SCOTUS Case, *Americans for Prosperity v. Becerra* (former CA Attorney General) on *Save The Nation* with FreedomWorks President Adam Brandon.

(interview begins at 39:39)



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