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From: Alec Chiappone
To: AO Records
CC: Ducey Communication Team, CJ Karamargin
Attachments: American Oversight - War Powers Production.pdf

EXTERNAL SENDER

Good afternoon,

Attached please find the responsive records to your request.

Thank you,
Alec

On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 1:26 PM AO Records <records@americanoversight.org> wrote:

Dear Public Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Arizona's Public Records Law.

Sincerely,

Dylan Winters (he/him)

Paralegal

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Cc: [J.Wade Miller](#); [Ken C](#)
Subject: How States Can Secure the Border
Date: Thursday, November 11, 2021 9:44:17 AM

Gentlemen-

My name is Russ Vought, and I served as President Trump's Budget Director. I now lead the Center for Renewing America which is very active on border security issues. Our lead fellow on this is Ken Cuccinelli. I wanted to make you aware of our paper on what border state governors can do unilaterally to secure the border. We do not believe the Biden Administration is going to change their policies, and that it's time to invoke authorities that have fallen into disuse.

In short, Ken has proposed that governors in border states should cite state war powers and activate and deploy all units to the southern border with specific orders to the commanding officers of the National Guard to detain and return illegal immigrants back across the border, turn back illegal immigrants to Mexico at the border, and defend against Cartel operatives. The Constitution gives states the authority to act if "invaded, or in such imminent Danger as will not admit delay" under Article 1, Section, Clause 3.

<https://americarenewing.com/issues/policy-brief-how-states-can-secure-the-border/>

Ken and I would welcome getting on the phone with your team or traveling to AZ to discuss with the governor. Please let us know if either is a possibility. Best,

Russ Vought
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From: [Arizona Agenda](#) on behalf of [Arizona Agenda <arizonaagenda@substack.com>](#)
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The Daily Agenda: Congrats! Now get to work

Time is a flat circle ... Dodging is an art ... And counting on your fingers is fine.

Feb 15   

Republican leadership in the House and Senate finally introduced bills to temporarily lift the education spending cap, taking the first step to saving schools from running out of money — and possibly closing — two weeks from today.

But it's far from a done deal. Word at the Capitol is that the House seems to have the votes lined up, while the vote count in the Senate is less sure.

To get that two-thirds vote, it'll only take six Republicans in the Senate (plus one to make up for Democratic Sen. **Juan Mendez**, who is out on paternity leave after Senate President **Karen Fann** refused to let lawmakers vote remotely) and 11 in the House to avert financial disaster and keep schools from closing.

But even that will likely take some arm twisting.

The bills are “clean,” meaning they only deal with the issue of the cap. While House Speaker **Rusty Bowers** has pledged to keep the bill that way, **Fann seemed noncommittal** when Capitol scribe **Howie Fischer** asked. Senate holdouts are already

demanding that it be tied to universal school vouchers, which is a non-starter with Democrats.

Many Republicans remain wary of lifting the cap before the dust settles on the court battles surrounding Proposition 208, which would increase taxes on high earners to pay for education. Lifting the cap ahead of that ruling could undercut their legal arguments.

However, not raising the cap would prove politically disastrous, and if there's one thing we can count on politicians for, it's to look out for themselves.



Jeremy Duda
@jeremyduda

For all the handwringing about the expenditure limit and the silence from many Republicans, it always seemed highly unlikely that GOP leadership wouldn't bring this up for a vote before the deadline. If nothing else, the political consequences of not doing it would be huge.

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Lawmakers seem to have found a clever way around the Prop. 208 predicament. The bills lift the cap, not for the year or for eternity, but by the exact amount that schools exceeded the cap by this year. That allows lawmakers to say the cap is still in place for the purposes of Prop. 208, but also doesn't commit long-term.

The fact that it's taken more than a month for Republicans to simply file bills for this no-brainer get here does not instill confidence. We're already past the bill introduction deadline, so Republican leaders had to waive those rules to introduce the bills.

But lawmakers can move quickly when they really want to. The measures are "mirror bills" — the same in the House and Senate — which allows them to get fast-

tracked through the legislative process.

Legislative leaders introduced the bills after, though not necessarily because, teachers descended on the Capitol today with a mariachi band to send Valentine's Day cards to lawmakers urging them to lift the cap. And more than 170 business and community also leaders signed onto a letter today urging lawmakers to lift the cap, writing that "when our schools aren't open, our students can't learn and our employees can't come to work."



AZ Education Assoc.

@ArizonaEA

ICYMI: AEA officers and members deliver valentines and cake to [@FannKfann](#) asking her to lift the cap preventing public schools from spending their budgets this year:



AEA Action at the Capitol on Valentine's Day 2022 #2

AEA officers and members deliver valentines and cake to Senate President Karent Fann urging her to lift the cap prevent public schools from spending their bu...

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Still, while both measures have the support of Democratic leaders in the House and Senate, education advocates argue it doesn't do enough to head off the same problem in the future.

We'll likely be having this same conversation next year.

IN OTHER NEWS



Now do the people who hired her: Erin Otis, the former judge turned prosecutor who cruelly mocked people in her courtroom, **is on administrative leave** from the embattled Maricopa County Attorney's Office after *ABC15* investigative reporter **Dave Biscobing** outed her behavior in **his latest investigative series**.

Dodging is an art: The *Republic* **asked all 11 members of Arizona's congressional delegation** whether schools should require masks. Unsurprisingly, all the Republicans said no and all the Democrats (except Rep. **Raúl Grijalva**) dodged the question, offering vague statements about local control — even though several have backed school mask mandates in past online statements.



Greg Giroux
@greggiroux

Happy 110th to Arizona



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All the cool kids grow their own: Taxes coming in from recreational weed sales in Tucson are **about half of the \$8 million the city expected**, the *Arizona Daily Star's* **Edward Celaya** reports.

Still got a year: After sending a **letter** to NFL commissioner **Roger Goodell** last month, faith groups and Black leaders **held a press conference** outside State Farm Stadium, which is slated to host next year's Super Bowl, to again ask the NFL to drop Arizona because of voter-suppression legislation at the state Capitol.

“Move the Super Bowl. ... Yes it will hurt us financially. But even though it will hurt us financially, it will help our voices to be heard.” Rev. **Raymond Forte** argued.

How do you like that new view?: *The Arizona Mirror's* **Jim Small** argues that AG **Mark Brnovich's** decision stating Arizona can use war powers to send troops to the U.S.-Mexico border is **an expansion of the Overton window**, or the range of issues that is acceptable for debate.

“One goal of far-right extremists in recent years has been to repeatedly propose continually more extreme policies — and to find elected officials to back them — in the hopes of shifting the acceptable solutions further to the right. Every time that happens, ideas once outside the window because they were deemed too extreme become part of the political discourse. We’re watching Brnovich do that in real-time,” Small wrote.

Just keep swimming: The U.S. filed its first environmental complaint under the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement arguing Mexico isn’t doing enough to protect the **critically endangered vaquita marina porpoise**, *KJZZ’s Kendall Blust* reports. The vaquita marina porpoise is the world’s smallest porpoise, and there are as few as six left.

Get flowers instead: Before people set their Valentine’s Day balloons free, Arizona Public Service is warning that mylar balloons **caused more than 100 power outages** last year after floating into power lines, *KJZZ’s Vaughan Jones* reports. Also, if your balloon gets stuck on power lines, don’t try to grab it.

Another trial balloon popped: Former President **Donald Trump** sent out another email missive trash talking Gov. **Doug Ducey** after the *New York Times* once again profiled Senate Republicans’ attempts to get him to run.



Brahm Resnik
@brahmresnik

UPDATE Less than 36 hours later, Trump tries to put kibosh on McConnell wooing @dougducey for #AZSEN



- February 14, 2022 -

Statement by Donald J. Trump, 45th President of the
United States of America

MAGA will never accept RINO Governor Doug Ducey of Arizona running for the U.S. Senate—So save your time, money, and energy, Mitch!

Brahm Resnik @brahmresnik

DUCEY WATCH @jmartNYT weighs in: McConnell has told Ducey 'in repeated phone calls' that 'Trump need not be feared in primary.' Ducey's 'final decision' on #AZSEN coming 'soon.' <https://t.co/iplOJ11jU5>

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Trashy rich kids throw trash: Tucson City Council member **Steve Kozachik** is going “for the jugular” of the owners of a university-area high-rise apartment where kids are throwing their trash at the Islamic Center of Tucson, which is worried someone could get hurt by the falling debris. Kozachik said he wants the city to declare the apartment complex a **nuisance property and shut it down**, the *Arizona Daily Star*'s **Kathryn Palmer** reports.

Everyone is a sheriff: Cochise County officials told residents that border crossings are higher than ever and that the immigrants are getting “more violent and desperate,” the Sierra Vista *Herald/Review*'s **Lyda Longa** reports. County Attorney **Brian McIntyre** told residents concerned about danger, “This is a self-defense state. You as

a homeowner have a right to defend your home.”



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BILL OF THE DAY



If you like waiting months to hear the results of the election, then you'll love Senate Bill 1338, which would send Arizona back decades as far as election technology is concerned.

The bill — sponsored by none other than Republican Sen. **Wendy Rogers**, perpetual

perpetrator of election falsehoods like that decertification is a thing — would require all votes be counted by hand.

Considering the Cyber Ninjas took five months to hand-count two races in one county, only to find a slightly different count than the machines (**which do you think was correct?**), we probably wouldn't know the outcome of the 2022 election until 2024. And just imagine the litigation.

However, the bill has no chance of becoming law. But it passed the Senate Government and Elections Committee and will surely serve as another fundraising pitch for Rogers.

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Does it include a retroactive clause for, say, propagandists **who worked in local news** for the past three decades?



Kari Lake for AZ Governor
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The Daily Agenda: Vote like your ability to vote depends on it

You can vote for both, but please don't ... Judging at the speed of business ... And the man just loved craps.

Feb 8   

The future of voting in Arizona could be decided at the ballot box this year as two dueling ballot measures that are attempting to qualify for the ballot offer visions of voting that couldn't be more different.

And then there's whatever the Arizona Legislature will do, and the options range from nearly 100 election-related bills with hosts of smaller changes to straight-up decertifying an election (as a [resolution filed](#) by Arizona Rep. and [not-a-lawyer Mark Finchem](#) wants to do).



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JUST IN: Speaker Bowers comment on [@RealMarkFinchem](#) decertification resolution that just dropped. "Mr Finchem's obviously unconstitutional and profoundly unwise proposal will receive all the consideration it deserves" h/t [@MarkPhllpsnews](#)

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The Arizonans for Fair Elections measure, filed yesterday and backed by a coalition of local left-leaning groups, attacks a spate of laws from the past few years that limited voting access in Arizona and seeks to protect election results from potential overturning.

The measure has four goals, according to **Joel Edman**, the co-executive director for communications at ADRC Action: protecting the right to vote and access to voting, protecting election results from partisan meddling, protecting the public's right to pass ballot measures and limiting the power of lobbyists and outside influence.

“Some of these are trying to address long-standing issues and build a democracy where we all have a voice, and some are more targeted to rolling back restrictions we've seen in the past few years,” Edman said.

Some of the elements of the measure will cost money, like increased Clean Elections funding for candidates who don't accept money from outside sources and some funding for elections infrastructure. The costs will be covered by increasing the lobbyist registration fee from \$25 to \$50, increasing the minimum income tax for large businesses from \$50 to \$150 and restoring a \$5 tax donation program for Clean Elections.

Another measure, dubbed the Easier to Vote, Harder to Cheat Act, wants to make it so Arizona races are called earlier, though the measure would do that by **limiting early voting**. It would cut the window for early ballots and make it so you couldn't drop them off on Election Day; you would instead have to complete a ballot the regular way at the polls. It would also make Election Day an official state holiday.

“What we're really trying to do here — and I will acknowledge the initiative doesn't come right out here and say this — what we're really trying to do is put the counties in a position where 99% of the votes cast in any particular general

*election are counted by the time the sun comes up on the Wednesday after the election,” **Lee Miller**, a former assistant secretary of state, told the Arizona Mirror’s **Jeremy Duda**.*

We’re sure the most outlandish bills in the Legislature this session won’t make it into law, like the one that got assigned to 12 committees. (And any of the eventual elections laws that get signed in could then become subjects of referendum, or “citizen veto” campaigns.) But that’s usually how it works: Someone in the majority party throws out an egregious bill, it gets walked back and the compromise bill looks tame in comparison. Maybe the threat of losing the Super Bowl — again — will play a role in what happens this session.



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Move 2023 Super Bowl out of Arizona? That’s what faith leaders want because of voting bill restrictions. Our [@JeremiahSosa_](#) has the story cronkitenews.azpbs.org/2022/02/04/fai...



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Backers of the two measures will need to collect more than 237,000 signatures to qualify for the ballot. That'll cost millions of dollars and armies of paid circulators and volunteers, and that's before they have to convince voters their plan is the best way forward.

Politicians like to say that the future of democracy is on the ballot. This year, it will literally be true.

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IN OTHER NEWS



Can't you speed up just a little?: A Maricopa County judge **warned lawmakers that he's going to take his sweet time** deciding whether Proposition 208, the Invest in Education initiative, is constitutional. The problem is that Republican lawmakers have been unwilling to lift the looming education spending cap to allow schools to spend the 16% of their budgets that the cap makes untouchable until the courts rule on Prop 208 because lifting the cap would undercut their legal argument. The cap must be lifted by March 1 **to avoid financial ruin** for the public school system, the *Republic's* **Mary Jo Pitzl** reports. But Maricopa County Superior Court Judge **John Hannah** legally has until March 10 to decide, and he told lawmakers who urged him to hurry up that that ain't happening.

"I get the decision out when I get it out," he said, per Pitzl. "I hope the policymakers can figure out how to work around what I'm doing. My point is to give the case due consideration and decide it as best I can."

It's none of your business if she shows up to work or not: Maricopa County Attorney **Allister Adel** went on *KJZZ's The Show* and *KTAR* yesterday to defend herself against a backdrop of new allegations from former Republican County

Attorney **Rick Romley**, Adel's friend and mentor. Romley told the *Republic* that she is “not doing the job” and is making life harder for her employees who are running the office in her absence. Adel shot back that she knows who in the office is tattling on her and that she's sad there's so much “conjecture and hearsay” about her ability to do the job while working on her addiction problems, and accused people of “politicizing” her “personal journey.”

“It's perfectly legal” is not usually a great defense: Arizona Attorney General **Mark Brnovich** said Gov. **Doug Ducey** can use his war powers to put the Arizona National Guard on the border to fight drugs and gangs if he wants. Brnovich released the legal opinion Monday in response to a request from Arizona Rep. **Jake Hoffman**, who was one of the legislators calling for Ducey to deploy the Guard. Some Guard members are already at the border, but on a support mission, not to defend the state.

May the most connected contractor win: Arizona is setting up a new mental health crisis hotline, but one of the local nonprofits that wants to apply for the contract is flagging the process as unfairly slanted to favor an out-of-state competitor, the *Republic's* **Stephanie Innes** writes.

There's that bipartisanship they're always touting: Democratic U.S. Sens. **Kyrsten Sinema** and **Mark Kelly** teamed up with Republican Rep. **David Schweikert** (and a whole bunch of non-Arizona lawmakers) to push legislation to extend telehealth services for Medicare patients, which were originally supposed to expire in 2023, the *Republic's* **Cami Parrish** notes.

We feel you: Several longtime lawmakers have caught a bad case of the Great Resignation. It seems Democratic Sen. **Rebecca Rios** and Democratic Rep. **Robert Meza**, who combined have spent nearly 40 years at the Capitol, are running for much cushier gigs as justices of the peace.



Dillon Rosenblatt

@DillonReedRose

Looks like @Rios_Rebecca and Robert Meza are both opting to not run again for #azleg. They both filed statements of interest to run as Justice of the Peace in their respective precincts. @JennJermaine is also doing

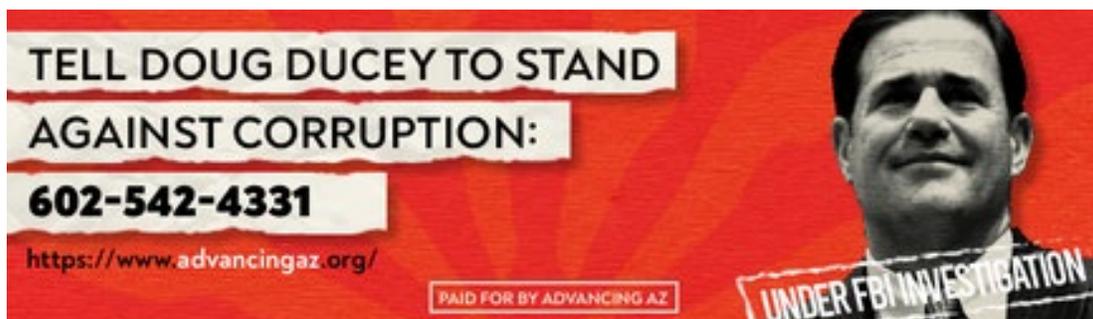
the same.

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ICYMI, we love the border campaign ad genre: Gubernatorial candidate **Karrin Taylor Robson**'s border ad, in which she calmly speaks her lines as (allegedly) undocumented immigrants pass close by her at the U.S.-Mexico border, sent up red flags at *FS1*, a *FOX Sports*-owned cable channel. The channel said it will no longer air her ad **unless she provides an affidavit** that the video was actually filmed at the border, as well as proof of citizenship for everyone shown, Taylor Robson tweeted. She called the request censorship and "nuts," and her campaign flatly denied that there was any creative editing of the video.

Don't call him while driving: Accountable Arizona is pumping six figures into digital ads and billboards around the Valley declaring Gov. **Doug Ducey** is under FBI investigation (**as we've noted**, that really seems like a stretch) and urging Arizonans to call him and tell him to stand against corruption. Why? Because there's still time for him to jump into the U.S. Senate race and this serves as a preview of the hits to come if he does.



A blast from the past: This *NPR* story about the situation in Ukraine, a topic where we are out of our depth as local Arizona journalists, features **Kurt Volker**, who you may remember from the time he **stepped down as executive director** of the McCain Institute for International Leadership at Arizona State University and as special envoy to Ukraine under Trump (which we remember because a college student at the

State Press, **Andrew Howard**, broke the international news). Anyway, Volker was in Kyiv at the time *NPR* talked to him recently, where he “happened to be for the opening of American University Kyiv, a partnership with Arizona State University.”

A blast from the even past-er past: A new book from *New York Times* reporter **Jeremy W. Peters** reveals how the late U.S. Sen. **John McCain** selected **Sarah Palin** as his running mate. His advisers told him it was a risk not just to his electoral prospects, but to his reputation. McCain was undeterred.

“McCain, an avid craps player, balled up his fist and blew on it, then shook it like he was about to roll a pair of dice. ‘F--- it,’ he said. ‘Let’s do it.’”

That damn Census: The Latino community’s growing influence in state politics could be disrupted by a Census that didn’t fully count them and a redistricting process where Latinos fared poorly, **James E. Garcia** writes for the *Arizona Mirror*.



Brahm Resnik
@brahmresnik

JUST IN @bgmasters' boss Peter Thiel leaving board of company formerly known as Facebook in order to devote more time to his pro-Trump candidates like Masters (and avoid awkward blasts at FB by Masters & others).

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Peter Thiel to Exit Meta's Board to Support Trump-Aligned Candidates

The tech billionaire, who has been on the board of the company formerly known as Facebook since 2005, is backing numerous politicians in the midterm elections.

[nyti.ms](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/02/07/technology/peter-thiel-exits-meta-board.html)

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Enjoy the winter while it lasts: It might be Phoenix sweater weather right now, but cities are preparing for a scorching summer yet again. The City of Phoenix **expects to finalize a citywide plan** for heat response that focuses on the homeless population, including more shelter beds and cooling stations, *KJZZ's Christina Estes* reports.

A tiny version of a universal basic income: One thousand low-income families in Phoenix **will get \$1,000 per month for the next year**, with the first set of loaded debit cards arriving this week, the *Phoenix New Times* reports. The city chose the 1,000 families in a lottery process, and the program is paid for with federal pandemic relief money.

BILL OF THE DAY



Today we have a double feature of two bills that Republican Speaker of the Arizona House **Rusty Bowers** is backing that have Democratic support.

House Bill 2650 would create a new division within the Department of Public Safety to investigate police use-of-force incidents at other departments and require every police agency to utilize either the new bureau, a regional law enforcement task force or an outside law enforcement agency to investigate any critical force incident in Arizona. Democrats were quick to compliment the bill **while noting it was their idea first**.

And **HB2802** would create a statewide ban on discriminating against gay and transgender people in housing, employment and public accommodations. Several Arizona cities have similar protections in place, but Arizona has no statewide law — in part because **Bowers has opposed it in the past**, the *Arizona Capitol Times*' **Nathan Brown** writes. The bill also has the backing of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, of which Bowers is a member. Democratic Rep. **Amish Shah** sponsored the bill and Bowers is a co-sponsor.

WHAT WE'RE LAUGHING AT



Before we get into this further, keep in mind that Social Security numbers have nine digits.

Now, check out this **classic Gawker story** about how they requested U.S. Sen. **Kyrsten Sinema's divorce records** from 1999 from Maricopa County, which included unredacted personal information like her Social Security number and bank info. The clerk's office told the outlet that they only needed to redact such information if they had a court order.

You may have noticed a number near the top of the *Gawker* story. It is not, in fact, a Social Security number, despite **the immediate Twitter outrage**. It is the phone number that rapper **Soulja Boy** sings in the 2008 hit, "**Kiss Me Thru the Phone**." Gawker didn't publish the personal information "out of respect for Sinema and because we like our jobs."



Leah Finnegan

@leahfinnegan

that's not actually her ssn. it's the number soulja boy sings in kiss me thru the phone (of course, ssns are 9 numbers)

Rich Lowry @RichLowry

What a bunch of lowlifes. Makes following her into a public restroom seem high-minded and edifying in comparison. Where's Peter Thiel when you need him? <https://t.co/pNPBZGgkJ3>

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“You can do a lot with a social security number,” *Gawker* reporter **Tarpley Hitt** writes. “Unfortunately, if the number in question isn’t yours, most of what you can do with it is a felony.”

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