

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

November 2025

CELEBRATING VETERANS

As we close out 2025, Arizonans reflect on a month defined by gratitude and commitment to honoring the men and women who served this country. Arizona is proud to be home to seven military bases, 20,000 active-duty members, 24,000 National Guard and reserve members, 7,900 active-duty spouses, and roughly half a million veterans who have fought to keep our country strong. These individuals are the backbone of our state's security and civic life.

House Republicans believe our gratitude must be expressed through action, not just words. That's why we advanced House Bill 2672: Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans, which eliminates property taxes for low-income veterans that are 100% service-connected disabled. For the men and women who returned home with life-altering injuries, this measure ensures they can keep a roof over their head and build stability.

Together, our actions reflect a long-term commitment: Arizona will continue to be one of the strongest and most supportive states in the nation for veterans and our military members.

SHUTDOWN OVER

After dragging the country through the longest shutdown in U.S. history, Democrats have finally folded and allowed the government to reopen. The shutdown caused over 1.25 million federal employees to go without pay, thousands of flights to be delayed or cancelled, and millions of SNAP benefits to be disrupted. With Democrats finally coming back down to reality, federal workers will be paid, SNAP benefits will be restored, and airports will be fully staffed again, just in time for Americans to travel safely and on time for the holidays.

NATURAL GAS WIN IN ARIZONA

A major natural gas company, Energy Transfer, recently announced that it will be constructing a new natural gas pipeline from El Paso to Arizona to bring critical new supplies of reliable, affordable, and American natural gas into our state to support growing energy demand and marking a major win for Arizona's energy economy. The \$5.3 billion dollar project will run through Cochise County and create thousands of good paying jobs while expanding the local property tax base. Some have even speculated about the opportunity to construct a parallel pipeline next to the project to import new water supplies from Texas, which would be a benefit to Arizona. Wouldn't it be nice to lay a water line next to it?

UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

The upcoming legislative session will be no 'walk in the park' for state lawmakers. Next year, we are expecting to face the major task of aligning state tax law with the new federal tax reforms from the One Big Beautiful Bill, which include "no tax on tips," "no tax on overtime," and special deductions to Social Security income. Arizona Republicans support the President's agenda to reduce costs and improve affordability and are working to ensure working families and retirees see the benefits of these historic cuts while maintaining a balanced budget and fully-funded core government functions like public safety. Next session, legislative Republicans will also need to protect school choice against attacks from the Left—ensuring that parents, not elected bureaucrats, decide what's best for their children's education—and defend Arizona's water rights on the Colorado River—recognizing that, for two years, the Governor has failed to secure a deal with other Colorado River Basin states, leaving our water future uncertain.