



THE LIBRE INITIATIVE

2023 ARIZONA'S *Be LIBRE* LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

LIBRE-Arizona's Be LIBRE Agenda lays out important steps lawmakers should take to improve the lives of all Arizonans and make our state a better place to live, work, and raise a family. During Arizona's 2023 Legislative Session, LIBRE-AZ and its dedicated activists will focus on legislative priorities to improve economic opportunity, educational freedom, health care, and criminal justice reforms.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL ARIZONANS

This year, LIBRE-AZ will focus on policy reforms that unleash opportunity by removing barriers to economic mobility and growth. LIBRE-AZ will work to lower the tax burden on families, remove barriers to Arizonans starting a business and earning a living, and cut red tape. Making it easier for Arizonans to provide for their families is a top priority, and our activists are committed to advocating for principled reforms that help businesses grow, create jobs, and promote economic opportunity for all.

- **Lowering the Tax Burden:** This session, LIBRE-AZ activists will continue to advocate for tax relief for all Arizonans. LIBRE-AZ worked to make Arizona the lowest Flat-Tax state in the nation and will continue to protect this reform. In addition to protecting the Flat-Tax, LIBRE-AZ will work to advance common-sense tax reductions and eliminations, so all Arizonans keep more of their hard-earned dollars.
- **Promote Entrepreneurship and Innovation:** By expanding regulatory sandboxes last session, Arizona created an ideal space to encourage the development of open innovation thereby attracting more companies, talent, and investment. LIBRE-AZ is committed to ensuring this program is operational and adequately addresses the needs of innovators.

EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY

Arizona has been the leader in educational freedom by expanding ESAs and passing other crucial reforms. LIBRE-AZ activists will encourage lawmakers to protect the progress that has been made. LIBRE-AZ is also committed to educating parents and students about the ESA program and the benefits of educational freedom

- **School Finance Reform:** In order to expand educational freedom, LIBRE-AZ will work to make changes to the underlying school finance formula that moves Arizona towards a model that benefits all students, creates more parental control and local autonomy, and provides relief to taxpayers and students who are being harmed by inequitable funding avenues.



INCREASING ACCESS TO QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

This year, LIBRE-AZ will continue its work to pass meaningful reforms that increase access, improve quality, and lower costs to health care that meets the needs of Arizona families. We look forward to improving healthcare across Arizona by allowing highly trained medical professionals to treat patients, expanding the scope of practice for medical professionals, and removing unnecessary restrictions that limit care.

- **Scope of Practice:** LIBRE-AZ will work to increase access to quality medical care by reforming antiquated residency requirements for foreign-trained physicians. Allowing foreign-trained physicians to practice without undergoing costly and duplicative training requirements would significantly expand healthcare access for patients and communities facing healthcare shortages.

REFORMING OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

To create a pathway to prosperity, Arizona must provide a pathway to second chances. With many ineffective laws still on the books, we must take steps to make sure our criminal justice system respects human dignity, restores victims, removes barriers to opportunity for people with criminal records, and ensures equal justice for all under the law.

- **Data Transparency:** To ensure our policymakers are taking the legislative steps necessary to improve our communities, we must make it easier for them to see the effects our laws have on recidivism, crime, and safety. Arizona does not have a statewide database that collectively tracks an individual's crime committed, sentencing, plea agreement, time served, or early release. In order to do so, we must make criminal justice data across our counties uniform by passing the second phase of data transparency.
- **Earned Release Credits:** It is also time for Arizona to expand earned release credits that prepare incarcerated individuals for reentry into their communities after completing programming that helps lower recidivism rates.