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The Impeachment - Today the Senate is voting on the rules of procedure for impeaching DJT. They already have a set of rules, summarized here in a previous Legislative Alert

<http://files.vuu.org/uujaz/2019/alert-121119.pdf> but today and tomorrow they will argue about how to amend those rules including whether evidence is confined just to that available when the House voted on the charges, whether the Senate will subpoena documents that the White House refused to turn over, and whether the Senate should call its own witnesses. Surely, they will amend the McConnell rules at least somewhat so that the trial does not run from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. for just two days on each side and surely they will vote to permit documents, new evidence and call witnesses. Here's the McConnell rules:

<https://apps.npr.org/documents/document.html?id=6662609-McConnell-Organizing-Resolution-for-Senate-Trial>. You can contact Arizona Senators and urge them to listen to ALL the evidence, and

call relevant witnesses. [Resist.bot](#) is the easiest and quickest way to do this. Full instructions for how to use resist.bot are [below](#) (or just scroll down). There are votes today, but more votes over the next few days, so DO CALL if you are interested and concerned about how this turns out. Using [Resistbot](#) it only takes a few minutes.

Highlights – You can use [Request to Speak](#) on the bills that have hearings scheduled -- if you signed up this year or last year! Try it.

- **Virginia is almost certain to become the 38th state to pass the ERA and have it signed by the Governor. Some say that it WILL GO INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY in spite of the deadline that had been set by Congress. If this is correct, then enforcing that deadline and trying to stop it from becoming law will be up to those who oppose equal rights for women as they will have to challenge the ERA in court. Others imply that DOJ can block it going into effect and those who support will have to take it to the courts. In either case, the courts will eventually decide whether the deadline was constitutional or not, and whether the five states that repealed their vote for it can actually repeal it. Arizona can pass the ERA this year, too.**
- **Budget** – The Republican budget looks very much like Gov. Ducey's budget, but slightly less. The Governor's budget is \$12.3 billion and includes significant funds for education as well as for the state Department of Education. There also is about \$170 million surplus in continuing funds and more than \$400 million in one-time funds. Democrats say they are not going to propose a specific budget but rather to focus on various aspects one at a time. Public school support is increased, but still is not at the level it was in 2008 (on a per pupil basis, corrected for inflation) and is far below the national median. **Rep. Mesnard has promised to try again to cut taxes.**
- **Sex Education** – A highly controversial sex education bill was scheduled for a hearing last week but was pulled by the sponsor due to the outcry against it. This was [SB1082](#) that is a massive rewrite about what public school districts have to do in order to provide sex education! It may be dead for the session. [SB1061 – Parental Bill of Rights passed 9-0.](#) This requires the State Department of Education to develop a parental bill of rights (and specifies a lot of detail about what is to be in it) to ensure parents that they can control the moral and religious education that is taught.
- **Use RTS! Democracy / Voting** – The Senate Judiciary Committee is **hearing two anti-voter bills** on Thursday, including SB 1092, and SB 1020. Senate Hearing room, 9:30. Advocacy groups wants to pack the hearing room with democracy/voting supporters! You can use "Request to Speak" if you are signed up or where signed up last year! SB1020 would put a "warning" on initiatives about how difficult it is to overturn anything passed by the voters. Also, SB1092 making it more difficult to deliver early ballots to the polls will be voted on 9:30 a.m. 1/23. An "anti federal government" bill will be **heard**

Tuesday at 2 in the federal relations committee that prohibits the sale of land (or gift) to the federal government by a private individual without the consent of the AZ Legislature.

- **Use RTS. Tax Cut** - Sen. Mesnard has launched his anti-tax agenda again and SCR1003 will be heard Tuesday. This bill increases the personal property tax exemption for land used for agriculture, trade, or business from \$185,000 to \$2 million! No fiscal impact statement has been prepared yet. If you are opposed to tax cuts, make your voice heard! You can use Request to Speak if you are signed up.
- **Use RTS. Women's Reproductive Rights** - Two bills that would prohibit pelvic exams on unconscious persons without a written consent will be **heard this week**. SB1027 will be heard Tuesday and HB 2051 will be heard Wednesday. These are good bills, although one wonders why there isn't a full scale prohibition!
- **Use RTS. Expand Medicaid** - Bills to expand AHCCCS (Medicaid) services that almost passed last year have been reintroduced and are up for a hearing this week. On Wednesday, 9 a.m. HB2244 and HB2246 will both be heard. These expand Medicaid for dental services to American Indians and for diabetes management treatment.
- **Use RTS. Immigration** – a bill that lets private individuals with land on the Mexican border build a wall without a permit will be heard Tuesday at 2 in HHR4.
- **Use RTS. Guns in Schools** - Also on Tuesday, the school marshal's bill will be heard (10a.m. House). This bill requires that school marshal policy permit them to carry weapons and that any school employee who has a concealed carry permit may apply to be trained. HB2031 is strongly opposed by the gun control advocates.
- **Anti-transgender** legislation has been introduced by Rep. Fillmore (R, LD16) but so far none of these bills has moved. He proposes that driver's licenses have to say male or female (not binary); all state documents have to use the gender assigned at birth; school officials cannot be required to use any pronoun other than the one assigned at birth. These are House Bills [HB2074 - HB2080 - HB2081- HB2082](#). On the other side of the coin, Rep. Gabaldon (D, LD 2) has introduced legislation HB 2074 and HB2075 that would permit the use of the gender identity the person wanted used. Without a Republican sponsor, however, these will almost certainly not be heard.

Scroll down to see details on these and many other bills that have been filed so far!

Democracy / voting

1/23 hearing: [Sb1020 – ballot / initiative “warning”](#) - adds into any initiative on the ballot a “warning” that this legislation can’t be changed without a 3/4 vote of legislature that also furthers the purpose of the initiative. Any other changes have to go back to the voters. The intent here is keep the power of legislating in the hands of the legislature and, since initiatives are commonly used in Arizona to promote progressive causes, this is intended to thwart the progressive agenda. Ugenti-rita, (R, LD 23). Hearing is Thursday, 9:30, Senate hearing room 109 at 9:30 a.m.

[Sb1032 – ballot signature on envelope](#) - recorders can’t place a signature on the envelope if it is not already there. In Arizona, voters who mail in their ballots sign the envelope, so if a ballot is received that does not have a signature on the envelope, no one can add it even if there is other information as to the name of the voter submitting the ballot. Ugenti-rita (R, LD 23)

[Sb1067 – restore felony voting rights](#) - automatically restore voting rights of felons upon completion of probation or absolute release from prison. The rights would be restored, and the judge would be required to inform a person being sentenced for a felony that their voting rights will automatically be restored when they are released from prison and/or complete probation. (Quezada, D, LD 29). There also is a Senate Bill to the same effect, SB2558.

[Sb1077 – expand use of mail ballot](#) - permits counties to use mail ballots for elections including federal and state elections. (Bowie, D, LD 18)

1/23 Hearing [SB1135](#) - elections; counting center; electronic adjudication – E. Farnsworth has introduced this bill to monitor / verify digital aspects of elections.

1/23 hearing. [Sb1092 – delivering early ballots](#) - for persons delivering more than just their own early ballots to a polling place, the person has to show that one belongs to him/her; if they are delivering another ballot, they have to show they are a family member, household member, or caregiver. Several minority advocacy groups have programs to deliver early ballots to voters who are part of their group or their neighborhood and then they also pick them up and take them to a polling place. These are already sealed, have the person’s signature on the envelope. This bill has been introduced before and is intended to stop this practice of helping people vote. (Ugenti-Rita R, LD 23). Hearing Thursday, Senate Hearing room 109 at 9:30 a.m.

[Hb2043 - photo ID cards](#) - high school and college id cards cannot be used as photo ids for voting or to obtain a voting card even though they have the person’s picture on them. Proponents suspect college students of voter fraud; supporters point out that voter fraud among college students is not extensive and not documented. They say this bill is mainly to prevent younger voters from being able to vote in the area where they attend school. (Townsend, R, LD 16).

Hearing 1/22. HHR4, at 2. [Hb2092 – selling land to the Federal Government](#) - sale, gift or grant or any other transfer of an ownership interest in any other privately owned real property to the federal government is prohibited without the ...consent of the legislature and the Governor. This bill is intended to prevent any more land going to the federal government (as for national parks, national monuments, etc.) even if it belongs to a private person who wants to sell or give it to the federal government. The rationale is that it takes property tax away from the state. The more fundamental reason is the antipathy of many western states, including Arizona, to the federal government in general. (Finchem, R, LD 11).

[Hb2137 – police in the polling place](#) - requires a law enforcement officer inside each polling place. Another attempt to frighten some legitimate voters, especially minority voters, from voting by simply frightening them away from the polling place. No good reasons are offered for why police are needed in or around polling places unless a disturbance of some kind has been reported. (Lawrence, R, 23).

[HB2343](#) - early voting; identification required – Early voting ballots cannot be just dropped off at a polling place, but instead the person dropping them off has to sign a log and show identification. Fillmore, R, LD 16. This bill is intended to halt the practice of anyone dropping off a large number of early ballots at a polling place without having to stand in line.

[HB2364](#) - election law amendments – changes to election law and how long early voting drop off places can be open and when they have to close before the election.

Economic justice – taxation

Hearing 1/22. [SCR1003](#) - personal property tax; exemption (Mesnard). This bill—if passed by the Legislature and then by the voters -- would increase the exemption from property tax of property used for agriculture, trade, or business from about \$185,000 currently to \$2 million. This would a huge tax cut; part of the plan that J.D. Mesnard tried to get passed last year but could not. So far, there’s no fiscal impact statement.

[Sb1098 – Unused tax credits](#) - changes from 4 to 3 the number of years before a tax credit is discontinued because no one is using it. This legislation is intended to reduce the number of tax credits by taking off the books those that no one uses as it sometimes is embarrassing for Arizona to admit to the large number of things that ae eligible for a tax credit. A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in income taxes for each dollar donated. (Mesnard R, LD 17). This bill passed 9-0 on 1/17, but is not particularly controversial.

[Sb1116 – sales tax exemption](#) - exempts sale of public safety equipment from sales tax. Just another one of many, many exemptions from the state sales tax, called the Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT). (Borelli, R, 5).

[Hb2066 Extend TANF Lifetime eligibility](#) - permit 5 years of lifetime eligibility for TANF (temporary assistance to needy families) instead of 1. Arizona is one of the few states that only permits one year of TANF eligibility – most have at least five. Introduced by a Democrat, probably will not get a hearing. (Powers-Hanley, D, LD 9).

[Hcr2007 – super majority needed to REDUCE state revenue](#) – any measure that provides for a net decrease in state revenues has to have at least a two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature. Increases in taxes require a super majority; this would balance the scales. A democratic proposal, unlikely to get a hearing. It is a resolution so would be submitted to the voters for approval. (Powers-Hanley, D, LD 9).

[Hb2002 – tax credit](#) - Arizona student apprenticeship program. Employers can claim a tax credit for the money they pay into the AZ student apprenticeship program. This is another one of many good programs that are proposed to fund through a tax credit – tax credits provide a dollar-for-dollar reduction in income taxes. Some Democrats have said they will not support any more tax credits at all, no matter how worthy the cause, as it takes money directly out of the general fund and reduces the amount that is available for programs. (Carroll, R, LD 22).

[Hb2009 – tax credit for school supplies](#). a tax credit is allowed for expenses incurred by a qualified schoolteacher for educational supplies and materials that are purchased and used in the schoolteacher's classroom and for uniforms and clothing that are used for educational purposes. Again, a service that ought to be paid for through the general fund is not paid and then is put forward as a tax credit, so school teachers who use their own money to buy school supplies for their classes can take it off their income taxes. A worthy cause – but the education budget should cover school supplies!

[HB2220](#) - property tax exemption; veterans' organizations. This bill exempts any property owned by a veteran's organization that is a non profit to be exempt from property tax. Griffin, R, LD 14. This is the same sort of exemption that religious organizations have.

[HB2345](#) - tax credit; public schools; increase. Increases from \$200 (\$300) to \$400 (\$600) filing singly or jointly the tax credit currently in place for any fees paid to any educational institution. Fillmore, R, LD, 16.

[Sb1036- empowerment scholarship accounts \(ESAs\)](#) - repeals requirement the department of education shall contract with a third-party administrator to assist the department in the financial administration of Arizona empowerment scholarship accounts. This was introduced last year to provide more oversight over the ESAs (which have been used for all kinds of purposes that were not eligible), but not at all clear why it is being repealed. (Allen, R, LD 6).

[Sb1059 – school report cards/ teacher’s raises.](#) Repeals sections of current law that require 40% of teachers raises to be based on school performance grades. Also repeals section that requires 33% of teacher raise to be based on individual teacher performance scores. The bill adds to the things that the classroom site fund can be used for. Then, there is a lengthy section that specifies how school funds for various purposes are to be allocated. Also, it apparently repeals the six tenths of one percent sales tax that would have gone into effect in 2021. Need clarifying information from some public school advocacy groups as to what is actually going on with this bill. (Allen, R, LD 6).

[Sb1061 – parental bill of rights](#) - would require Arizona Department of Education to post a parental bill of rights specifying things listed in the bill, most of them directed at moral and religious training. This is up for a hearing 1/14 so may get some more clarity on why or what this actually would entail.

[Sb1082 – sex education bill](#) – Was scheduled for hearing, but was pulled because of the outcry against it. This is massive bill spelling out exactly what school districts have to do to approve sex education program in public and charter schools including notify parents, provide parents with actual topics covered, have a period for public review, and etc. The bill also prohibits sex education before 7th grade. This one was up for a hearing 1/14. (Allen, R, LD 6). She might or might not bring it back.

[SB1120](#) - schools; sex education instruction – This bill would provide that parents have to “opt out” if they do not want their child to be in a sex education class. Currently, parents have to “opt in” and schools have to provide an enormous amount of information to parents about what is in the curriculum. There is a similar house bill (see below), HB2067 and also HB2277.

[Hb2018 – charter procurement](#) - public school districts have same procurement rules as charters... this means, pretty lax procurement rules. (Fillmore, R, LD 16)

[Hb2067 – sex education](#) – changes current requirement that parents have to “opt in” for their child to be in a sex education class to “opt out.” (Powers-Hanley, D, LD 9).

[Hb2094 – incentivize teaching](#) - adds school social worker and counselors to the proposal to have an Arizona teacher's academy to incentivize students to go into teaching. (Pawlik D, LD, 17).

[Hb2120 – culturally meaningful graduation paraphernalia](#) - a school district governing board or a charter school may not prohibit a pupil from wearing cultural regalia while participating in a graduation ceremony. (Cook, R, LD 8). A similar bill has been introduced in the Senate (SB2206).

[Hb2125 – prohibits school districts](#) - prohibits school district from refusing to enact provisions of a lawful initiative. This bill apparently is aimed at some initiative or some district that is trying to avoid complying with an initiative, but no clarity yet. (Kern, R, LD 20).

[Hb2141 – college requirements](#) - requires six credit hours of college instruction covering the U.S. And Arizona constitutions. Current law lets each university and/or its regents establish the requirements.

[Hb2143 - paying college athletes](#) – this bill prohibits colleges and universities from barring student athletes using their name, image or likeness to earn money. Athlete's name, image or likeness does not affect the student athlete's scholarship eligibility. The college or university cannot be the one that pays them, however.

[Hb2166 – high school graduation requirements](#)- adds to high school graduation requirements one on-line course and also continues the current requirements of for 4 English language arts; 3 social studies; 2 lab science, 2 math, 3 stem, 1 fine arts. Not clear whether this changes anything other than the on line course. (Udall, R, LD 25).

[Hb2014 – student discipline](#). this apparently would permit a teacher to refuse to let a student back into his/her classroom if the student had been expelled from it. (Fillmore, R, LD 16). Not clear the implications of this bill.

[Hb2008 – charter school closures](#). charter schools have to give 15 day notice before they close. This bill prompted by some sudden charter closures that left students with no school to go to. (Fillmore, R, LD 16).

[Hb2017 – school prayer and pledge of allegiance](#) - for kindergarten programs and grades one through twelve, the bill requires schools to set aside a specific time each day for those students who wish to recite the pledge of allegiance. Also, for K-12, school are required to set aside a one minute each day period of time for quiet reflection and moral reasoning. Parents can opt out of this. (Fillmore, R, LD 16).

[Hb2029 – student tuition organizations](#) – raises the amount to 93% from 90% that has to be used for educational, not admin expenses. STOs are non profits that take donations (for which the donor gets a tax credit) and then distributes these as scholarships to private schools. Current law permits the non profit to keep 10% for administrative overhead; this reduce sit to 7%. (Fillmore, R, LD 16).

[Hb2020 – in state tuition for Dreamers \(DACA\)](#) - prohibits colleges and universities from creating an instate tuition for undocumented students who were brought here as children. It also prohibits colleges from charging less for college than the actual costs, and will take the money out of ABOR allocations if it occurs. (Fillmore, R, LD 16).

[HB2206](#) - schools; dress codes; graduation ceremonies – No prohibition on wearing Tribal regalia or other indications of cultural identification during graduation ceremonies. (D. Hernandez, D. LD 2).

[HB2209](#) - schools; instruction; Native American experience – History of Native Americans would be taught K-12.m (Fernandez, D, LD 4).

[HB2277](#) - schools; sex education instruction. D. Hernandez, opt out of sex education (D, LD 2). This bill also requires public and charter schools to provide sex education from first through 12th grades.

Environment

[Sb1046 prohibiting sale / gift to federal government](#) - prohibits private land owner from selling or giving land to feds without legislature also approving. (Borelli, R, LD 5)/

[Hb2027 Evaporative coolers](#). permit residential coolers to be used for non residential cooling under some circumstances. (Fillmore, R, LD 16).

[Hb2101 Water protection fund](#). appropriates 1 million to Az water protection fund. (Griffin, R, LD 14).

[Hb2022 – environment discussion in schools](#) - strikes the sentence that requires a discussion of economic and social impacts of climate change in public schools, but retains "scientifically reliable" information. (Fillmore, R, LD 16).

Human rights

[Scr1001 – ERA](#) – Equal Rights Amendment again introduced in Senate and House (House HCR2002). This came within a whisker of getting a floor vote last year, but failed on a procedural vote. Maybe this year! (Senate sponsor – Sen. Steele, D, LD 9). House sponsors, many Democrats but no Republicans so far.

Hearing 1/22. [Sb1027 – pelvic exam](#) - on an anesthetized or unconscious patient, a pelvic exam may not be conducted without first obtaining the patient's informed consent (unless emergency). (Carter, R, LD 15). Not sure why the prohibition is only on unconscious patients. 9 a.m., Senate. There's also a House bill of the same content, HB 2051 sponsored by Barto, R, LD 15).

[Sb1028 – health emergency](#) – prohibits treatment that the person does not want nor authorize. (Carter, R, LD 15).

[Sb1071 – immigration](#) - repeals those sections of previous anti-immigrant law that permits law enforcement to inquire about immigrant status, repeals the section that criminalizes transporting undocumented persons, etc. (Quezada, D, LD 29).

[Hcr2002 – ERA ratification](#). Long list of co sponsors but all are demos so far
HCR2024 – a State ERA – would pass the ERA for Arizona. Engel, D 10.

Hearing 1/23 9 HHR4. [Hb2051 – pelvic exams.](#) cant do pelvic exams on unconscious woman without written consent

[Hb2074 – pro gender identity](#) - record death certificates with the gender identity the person used (Gabaldon, D, LD 2).

[Hb2075 – pro gender identity](#) - on driver's license, use non binary if a person wants it (Gabaldon, D, LD 2)

[Hb2080 – anti-gender identity](#) - on state documents, use only male/female (Fillmore, R, LD 16)

[Hb2081- anti-gender identity](#) - only record male or female on birth certificate, no matter what parents say (Fillmore, R, LD 16)

[Hb2082 – anti-gender identity](#) – prohibits requiring a school superintendent, principal or teacher or another officer or employee of a public school to use a sex or gender pronoun in reference to a student other than the sex or gender pronoun that corresponds to the sex listed on that student's birth certificate. (Fillmore, R, LD 16)

Hearing 1/22, HHR4 at 2. [Hb2084 – immigration](#) - No permits needed to build a wall along the border if owner says ok. Petersen, R, LD 12).

[Hb2153 – traditional family](#) - strengthens current state law favoring two parent visitation arrangements by adding "clear and convincing evidence" to prevent one from having fully participatory rights. (Blackman, R, LD 6).

Hearing 1/23, 9 a.m. HHR4. [HB2052](#) - AHCCCS; chiropractic care; report – would expand Medicaid AHCCCS to cover chiropractic care if ordered by a physician. Barto, R, LD 15

Guns / crime

Hearing 1/22 (Tuesday. 10 am Judiciary Committee, House. [HB2031](#) - school marshals; requirements; training. This bill sets standards for school marshal training, and includes stipulations that the written policy MUST provide that a school marshal may carry a loaded, concealed handgun unless their primary duties involves regular, direct contact with students. Also, any employee of a school who has a concealed carry permit (CCW) may apply to become a school marshal and undergo training to be established by the Dept of Public Safety. School districts may not prohibit persons with concealed carry permits from transporting or storing a handgun or other firearm or ammunition in a locked car on school grounds.

[Hb2003 – gun regulation](#) - a county, city, town or other political subdivision of this state may not prohibit a person from possessing a firearm unless the person is a prohibited possessor or a court of competent jurisdiction issues an order that prohibits the person from possessing a firearm (Fillmore, R, LD 16).

Hearing 1/22 HHR4 at 9. [Hb2036 – drug sentences – for](#) fentanyl, heroin, and carfentanyl or other fentanyl drugs, this bill sets minimum, presumptive, and max sentences. Need clarification on implications of the bill as not clear whether this implies heavier or lighter sentences or just more consistent sentencing. (Pierce R, LD 1).

[Hb2070 – pre arrest diversion.](#) allows local pre arrest diversion programs (Blackman, R, LD 6)

[Hb2093 – second amendment protection -](#) this state and all political subdivisions of this state are prohibited from using any personnel or financial resources to enforce, administer or cooperate with any act, law, treaty, order, rule or regulation of the United States government that violates amendment II of 15 the constitution of the united states. (Biasiucci, R, LD 5)

Health

[Hb2068 – health and religion.](#) if a business denies medicine for religious beliefs, have to post the medicines that it will not provide. (Powers – Hanley, D, LD 9).

[Hearing 1/23 HB2244 - AHCCCS;](#) dental services; Native Americans. Expands Medicaid to American Indians for dental care.

[Hearing 1/23 HB2246 - AHCCCS services;](#) diabetes management. Expands Medicaid for diabetes management.

Action Suggestions:

The annual multi-city Unity Walk takes place Jan. 25 at Tempe Town Lake. Please see the info below or visit tempe.gov/UnityWalk. Gather 4:30, walk about 6. Walk for unity, peace, democracy, equality!!

Call or text or fax your U.S. Senator using [resist.bot!!](#) Urge them to amend the McConnell rules so that ALL of the evidence can be heard and ALL relevant witnesses can testify.

March 17, Democratic Presidential Primary. The Republicans are not having one. To vote in the Democratic Presidential primary, you must be registered as a Democrat and the deadline for that is February 18.

Indivisible Town Hall on Outlawing Dirty Money. Sunday, 2-4, 5601 N. 16th street Madison Center for the Arts

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgxwGCtDMXxdnzmbbKDXXnmBdMDWT?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>

If you live in Maricopa County, you can become a “deputy Registrar” and get regular updates on how you can help GOTV (get out the vote) in 2020. The next training is Thursday, 1/30, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Chandler Girls and Boys club, 300 E Chandler Blvd Chandler AZ 85244. Once trained, you will get regular updates on where and when volunteers are needed to help insure that every eligible person is registered and able to vote in 2020. Additional dates are listed as well: www.tinyurl.com/DRClass20.

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- Get the # of the bill –

- On the azleg.gov site <https://www.azleg.gov/> click on Legislative Information, then on Request to Speak
- Click on “new request” (on the menu on the left)
- Put in the bill #. (or put in name of a committee, and hit “search” to see the committee’s upcoming agenda)
- If it says “no active agenda” then it isn’t before a committee. If you want to register your opinion anyway, click on “my bill positions” (on the menu on the left), and indicate yes or no on the bill.
- If it is before a committee, (scroll down a little to see) it will ask if you actually want to speak at the committee hearing (probably not, just click “no”) and then register for/against and put in your comment if you want.

If you want to review the bill, click on “documents” and review the bill itself or the House or Senate “fact sheet.”

Resistbot.io - How to use it. Click on the “messages” icon on your

I-phone, then click on the pencil in the top right-hand corner. You will get a “To: “ screen. Put in 504-09 and then in the message type “resist.” They will respond and ask for your zip code or address and what you want to do. This is a free service, reportedly developed by volunteers. It will ask for your zip code or address, and then you can send a fax, letter, make a phone call, send an e-mail to Sen. Sinema and McSally and the House member as well or even to Governor Ducey.

I just did it this morning and selected “call.” They called me back connecting me to each Senators office and I left a message for McSally and actually talked to a staff member in Sinema’s office.

After you have sent several, it will ask you which of the various people you want it sent to. At first, it just sends to all three, later it will add state-level elected officials, too. You get more services after you’ve used it awhile!

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