

## **Arguments “For” Proposition 134**

A vote for Proposition 134 is a vote for equal representation in the ballot initiative process.

Current Arizona law allows a proposed initiative to qualify for the ballot without having to receive a single signature from outside Maricopa County. Our state’s current system empowers just one county to have a complete and total monopoly over what measures do and do not make it to the ballot and will be voted on by the people.

It is EXTREMELY important that people from Maricopa County are involved in the ballot initiative process. However, it is also important to recognize that voters from just one county may not always be aware of key issues that are taking place around the rest of the State. Because of this, it is crucial that Arizona’s ballot initiative process has safeguards to ensure that all perspectives are heard and valued. Residents of Maricopa County should not be tasked with making executive decisions for communities across the state. Continuing to allow just one county to make statewide decisions will ultimately harm Arizona.

The current rules for the ballot measure process in Arizona are not only irresponsible, but they are also undemocratic. Part of what makes Arizona so special is the fact that our state is home to many unique perspectives and values. A zip code should not be the deciding factor in which of these values matter when it comes to placing measures on the ballot.

Please vote yes on Proposition 134

### **Stefanie Smallhouse, President, Arizona Farm Bureau, Gilbert**

Geographic Distribution is a good governance measure that ensures all perspectives are given the same weight in the initiative process. A citizen’s zip code should NOT be the deciding factor in which measures get to appear on the ballot.

Currently, a ballot measure can make it onto Arizona’s ballot without having to receive a SINGLE SIGNATURE from FOURTEEN of Arizona’s FIFTEEN counties.

Proposition 134 would require all ballot measures to receive a minimum number of signatures from EACH legislative district in the state to appear on the ballot. This measure would help to ensure that residents across the state of Arizona have an equal say in what measures get to make the ballot.

If passed, Proposition 134 would make it so that proposed ballot measures must receive a minimum number of signatures from EACH of Arizona’s 30 legislative districts to appear on the ballot. This would make it so that ALL COMMUNITIES in Arizona have a say in what gets to make it on the ballot. This proposed measure helps to ensure that voices from across our diverse state are valued the same.

Vote Yes on Proposition 134!

### **Tim Peterson, Camp Verde**

Every election cycle, out of state special interest groups spend millions of dollars in Arizona on initiatives to buy their way onto our ballot. It often takes just a couple million dollars—pocket change to California Billionaires—to pay a few hundred circulators to collect signatures. And

they usually flood the streets with circulators in Phoenix and Tucson, stripping all other Arizonans from having a voice in the process.

It is time to improve our citizens' initiative process by ensuring it truly reflects the will of citizens across our state. Prop 134 would require that any group proposing a statewide initiative must gather signatures in all 15 diverse counties in the state. Requiring signatures from around the state will ensure better vetting of their ideas and would give a voice to residents outside of Phoenix and Tucson.

Prop 134 is a fair and balanced approach. Most other states that allow citizens initiatives already require a geographic distribution of signatures. We encourage a YES vote on Prop 134.

**Scot Mussi, President, Arizona Free Enterprise Club, Gilbert**  
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Vote yes on Proposition 134 and support the Signature Distribution Requirement ballot measure. Voter initiatives are mostly run by well-funded single-issue political action committees (PAC) paying low-information signature collectors to pester us in parking lots. Can you really make a thoughtful decision about some complex policy proposal while you're loading groceries and thinking about all your other errands while someone badgers you for a signature? And more importantly, should high density voter populations in Pima and Maricopa counties have a monopoly on generating ballot measures for the rest of the state? The answer to the first question for most of us is probably no, but the answer to the second question is definitely no. Proposition 134 tackles the monopoly issue by ensuring a minimal level of state-wide support before voters are presented with ballot measures. Legislation is typically proposed by a single elected representative in Phoenix, but it doesn't get to a vote until it's been reviewed, debated, and often modified with inputs from many representatives. Changes to the state constitution, enacting new laws, or repealing existing laws are serious activities and voter initiatives deserve the same level of scrutiny. Voter initiatives should first demonstrate support from a significant cross-section of state voters before a vote occurs. Arizona voters should not let moneyed interests, either in-state or out-of-state, buy self-serving legislation by focusing on a few population-dense areas of the state. Send the message that ballot box legislation must first secure statewide support, and preferably not from harassed voters in parking lots, by voting yes on Proposition 134.

**Brook Doty, Chairman, LD17 Republicans, Tucson**

Your YES vote on Proposition 134 will be a vote for FAIRNESS in our Arizona ballot initiative. This initiative, when passed, will ensure ALL Arizonans in every county across our great state have an opportunity to participate in putting any future initiatives on our ballot. Please vote YES ON PROP 134!

**John Boelts, Yuma**

Vote YES on Proposition 134

When Arizona was founded as a state, it would have been hard to foresee the outsize impact the cities of Phoenix and Tucson would have on the political environment. This concentration of voters within these two areas often ignores the needs and desires of residents in less populated areas of the state. Dark money groups from out of state can get enough signatures from just Phoenix and Tucson to put an initiative on the ballot.

In fact, getting a statutory measure on the ballot currently requires only 10% of people that voted in the last Gubernatorial (Governor) election and just 15% for an Arizona Constitutional Amendment. This shockingly low hurdle virtually guarantees voters outside of these two major metropolitan centers will not have a chance to have their voices heard.

Proposition 134 will remedy this imbalance by requiring that special interest groups get buy-in from all 15 Arizona counties. If passed, getting a statutory measure on the ballot would require signatures from 10% of the votes cast for Governor in each Legislative District and would require 15% of the votes cast in each Legislative District for Governor for a Constitutional Amendment to be added to the Ballot.

Proposition 134 would end the outsize influence that the Phoenix and Tucson metro areas have on Arizona Politics.

Give ALL Arizonans a voice! Vote YES on Proposition 134!

### **Dennis Liles, Retired, Mesa**

Please vote YES for Prop 134.

Per Article 4 of our state constitution, citizens of Arizona may initiate legislation as either a state statute or constitutional amendment. During recent election cycles in Arizona, some of these citizen initiatives have been funded by out-of-state special interest groups. These groups – intending to influence our state laws - spend millions of dollars to pay people to collect required signatures, primarily in only a few districts in Phoenix and Tucson. This out-of-state influence is not what was intended with the citizen initiative clause in our state constitution! When passed, Prop 134 will increase voter involvement, since signatures will be required across all districts in the state. This will give our rural communities a voice and make sure our citizen initiatives are fair and balanced for all citizens in Arizona.

Please join me and vote YES for Prop 134.

### **Kathryn Clark, Phoenix**

In recent years Arizona has seen a massive influx of out-of-state dollars designed to inflict extremely damaging policies upon our citizenry. In fact, tens of millions of dollars have been poured into our state from places like California and Washington, DC on initiatives designed to thwart taxpayer protections, double the income taxes on small businesses, double the utility bills of residents, and inhibit free speech and donor privacy. These efforts are heavily funded by entities that will never have to live with the disastrous consequences of their actions.

Prop 134 fixes this problem by requiring that initiatives must collect signatures from across Arizona in order to qualify for the ballot. Right now, measures funded by outside special interests simply gather signatures from places like Phoenix and Tucson, meaning that most of the

state has no say on what policy issues end up on the November ballot. Requiring these special interests to consider the concerns of the entire state when collecting signatures will make it much more difficult for extreme measures -- tailored by people hostile to Arizona -- to appear on our ballots.

Please vote "YES" on Prop 134.

**Victor Riches, President & CEO, Goldwater Institute, Phoenix**

Center for Arizona Policy supports Proposition 134. As a Phoenix-based nonprofit organization, one of our top priorities is ensuring the freedom of all Arizonans regardless of what part of the state they live in. However, under current law, groups (especially radical out-of-state special interests) can gather signatures to put controversial and damaging policy changes on the Arizona ballot without seeking input from the entire state. Oftentimes, measures can qualify for and pass at the ballot with only the signatures and votes from our state's largest county. This disenfranchises rural voters, especially when controversial measures that are not supported by many of Arizona's diverse communities are put on our ballot.

Fortunately, Proposition 134 helps ensure that ALL parts of our state have a say on what ends up on our ballot. Prop 134 doesn't not increase the total number of signatures needed to qualify something for the ballot. Rather, it says that signatures must be collected from all parts of the state. This is a common-sense and fair solution.

We urge you to vote yes for a fair Arizona ballot. Vote YES on Proposition 134.

**Cathi Herrod, Esq., President, Center for Arizona Policy, Phoenix and Greg Scott, Vice President of Policy, Center for Arizona Policy, Phoenix**

Vote YES on Prop 134. We should want the citizens' initiative process to reflect the voice of all Arizona residents. Citizen initiatives that represent signatures from residents the 30 Arizona legislative districts will increase voter involvement throughout the state.

Currently, in-state and out-of-state special interest groups target high density legislative districts like Phoenix and Tucson for signatures. These groups, which spend millions of dollars circulating petitions, should not have the only influence in our state. They spend millions of dollars on a process that excludes rural Arizona residents.

Prop 134 is a common sense solution that breaks up legislative district monopolies preventing them from making decisions for all Arizona citizens.

Rural, less densely populated, legislative districts in the state have just as much right to a voice on citizen initiatives as high density areas. This proposition will encompass voices from all legislative districts.

This process is already vetted in more than half the states. Citizen initiatives can only qualify in those states with geographically diverse signatures. Let's do the same for Arizonans.

As a state and precinct committeeman in a rural district of Coconino County this is a fair proposition. YES on Prop 134

**Patricia Phillips, Coconino County, Parks North Precinct 79, Committeeman, Parks**

Geographic distribution is an outstanding solution to the ballot measure process that will help make sure Arizona's agriculture community is heard!

Agriculture is a cornerstone of Arizona's economic prosperity and way of life. Nearly 40% of Arizona's land is used for agricultural development, which provides resources that are absolutely critical for maintaining Arizona's way of life.

However, residents who live in these areas have had their voices go unheard by our state's ballot measure process for far too long. Right now, individuals who wish to have a proposed ballot measure appear on the ballot must collect a minimum number of signatures across registered voters from the state's entire population. This current process has a massive oversight, as it values some areas more than others in the ballot measure process.

Signature collectors for ballot measures almost exclusively spend their time in densely populated urban areas to meet the minimum signature requirement to appear on the ballot. This leads to the voices of rural Arizonans often going unheard, as signature collectors will not even bother to go to counties that are not as densely populated. This results in residents from Maricopa County having all the say in what does and does not make the ballot.

Current laws surrounding signature collection are inherently undemocratic. We should not continue to allow our ballot measure process to be dominated by large cities. Geographic Distribution is a necessary fix to a flawed system.

Votes YES on Proposition 134!

**Myrle Marlatt, Wellton**

**Mr Gerald Travers, Oro Valley**

A citizens' initiative should represent citizens all across the state, not just major metropolitan areas. Prop 134 would ensure engagement from voters across the state, in large counties and small counties, rural and metropolitan areas. It will stop paid petitioners from going to heavily populated areas to all required signatures for petitions, which most out of state special interest groups do.

VOTE YES ON PROP 134

**Nikki Colletti, Glendale**

□ Vote YES on Proposition 134! It presents a critical opportunity to restore balance and fairness to Arizona's citizen initiative process. Currently, out-of-state special-interest groups wield disproportionate influence by flooding our state with millions of dollars to push their agendas onto the ballot. This undermines the democratic process and disenfranchises many Arizonans, particularly those outside of Phoenix and Tucson.

By requiring signatures from all legislative districts, Proposition 134 ensures that initiatives truly reflect the diverse perspectives and needs of our entire state. This geographic inclusivity guarantees that rural communities, often overlooked in the current system, have a meaningful voice in shaping our laws and policies. It prevents a scenario where the concerns and values of urban areas outweigh those of rural residents, and thus promotes equity and representation for all Arizonans.

Furthermore, Proposition 134 encourages greater scrutiny and deliberation over proposed initiatives. Requiring special-interest groups to garner support from communities across the state fosters broader engagement and discussion, leading to better-informed decisions by voters. It strengthens the integrity of the initiative process and reduces the likelihood of hastily approved measures with unintended consequences.

This approach is not unprecedented; it's already successfully implemented in the majority of states with citizen initiative processes. By aligning Arizona's system with this widely accepted standard, Proposition 134 ensures that our state remains in step with best practices in democratic governance.

In conclusion, Proposition 134 offers a fair and balanced solution to the problems plaguing Arizona's citizen initiative process. By demanding geographic diversity in signature collection, it promotes inclusivity, enhances deliberation, and safeguards the voices of all Arizonans. I urge voters to support Proposition 134 for a more equitable and representative democracy. Vote yes!

**Kristan Culbertson, Parks**

--- Vote Yes on Prop 134!

Currently, citizen initiatives require the signatures of registered voters: 10% of the voters who voted in the last gubernatorial election for statutory measures and 15% for constitutional amendments. The signatures can be collected anywhere or only in one place. Proposition 134 would require the collectors to obtain signatures in all of Arizona's voter districts.

At present, the initiative process is skewed, with out-of-state special interest groups funding circulators to collect the necessary signatures in only one or two heavily populated cities. This leaves the rest of Arizona, particularly rural areas, underrepresented in the decision-making process.

The signatures collected in targeted areas will produce their desired outcomes, leaving out those who may be impacted the most, including rural Arizonans. Your vote on Proposition 134 is crucial to correct this unfair practice.

A 'Yes' vote on Proposition 134 will ensure that every voter in every district in Arizona will have their voice heard, making our republic more inclusive and representative.

A 'Yes' vote will ensure measures on the ballot represent the will of all Arizonans.

A 'Yes' vote on Proposition 134 will not only ensure a fair and balanced approach to our elections, but also instill confidence in the geographically diverse signature base that will qualify. This will lead to a more representative and inclusive democratic process, where every voice, regardless of location, is heard and valued.

Vote Yes! ---

### **Jeffrey Luft, San Tan Valley**

Voting YES on Prop 134 ensures the preservation of a fair and inclusive election process, where candidates from all parties compete openly in primaries. This measure upholds voter choice and ensures that independent voters can participate in any party's primary, allowing them to support candidates who best reflect their beliefs.

Prop 134 is designed to prevent the dominance of any single party in our elections. By guaranteeing that every qualified party can field candidates in general elections, it promotes a balanced and competitive political landscape. This is essential for fair representation and robust electoral competition in every district.

Supporting Prop 134 means maintaining the integrity of our current electoral system, which is crucial for a healthy democracy. This proposition safeguards against political monopolies, ensuring that no party can monopolize the ballot. It promotes diversity in political representation, reflecting the varied interests and values of our electorate.

Voting YES on Prop 134 is a proactive step to protect the foundational principles of our election process. It ensures that all voices are heard, and all parties have a fair chance to participate in general elections.

Key Points:

- Preserves the Current Primary System: Ensures open competition among candidates from all parties in primary elections.
- Includes Independent Voters: Allows independents to vote in any party's primary, broadening voter participation.
- Prevents One-Party Dominance: Blocks any election schemes that could lead to only one party's candidates on the ballot.
- Ensures Representation for All Parties: Guarantees that every qualified party can field candidates in general elections.

Vote YES on Prop 134 to protect voter choice, prevent political monopolies, and uphold a fair and balanced electoral process. Your support is vital for maintaining the democratic principles that ensure fair representation for all.

**Suzanne Murray, Chandler**

"Imagine having ballot propositions only decided by Phoenix and Tucson. Imagine you live in another legislative district and have no say in whether a proposition impacts you. Prop 134 allows participation by citizens in all legislative districts, and the 10% signature requirements are dictated by the number of votes cast in the last governor election. Prop 134 will ensure that citizens across the state have a voice in what appears on our ballots. It will also increase voter participation.

Over half the States with a citizen initiative process have adopted this geographic distribution standard, and this will help eliminate out of state special-interest groups from bringing bad ideas to Arizona.

**Michal Ann Joyner, Scottsdale and Keith Joyner, Scottsdale**

Out-of-State big-money organizations hire staff from other states to collect signatures for "citizen" initiated ballot measures to flood certain AZ cities (Phoenix and Tucson) to influence and change our laws and our Constitution, leaving rural Arizona without any voice in the process. Getting the required percentage equally from each legislative district increases participation, allows for a more balanced representation of Arizona voices, and ensures measures that qualify are broadly supported by Arizonans in every area of our state. Vote YES on Prop 134!

**Linda Busam, Peoria**

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We as a country value fairness and individual rights. Why then are we allowing out-of-state special interest groups, with their money, to impact and influence the initiatives that appear on our ballots? These groups concentrate on collecting signatures in the urban areas of Phoenix and Tucson. There are 15 counties in Arizona with an estimated 7.46 million population. Phoenix and Tucson may be the largest cities in Arizona; however, all Arizonans deserve a voice and the right to be included in which initiatives are to be included on the ballot. Vote yes on Prop 134 to ensure that all Arizonans can participate in deciding which initiatives move forward.

**Mary Lunn, Glendale**

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I'm not an enthusiast for the initiative and referendum process since we should not diminish the power of elected legislators. However, since it's a fact of political life, I want to see it represent the will of all Arizonans. Nearly a quarter of Arizona's population lives outside of Maricopa and Pima Counties, whose interests may differ from those in small towns and rural Arizona.

Furthermore, ballot initiatives may not necessarily represent the interests of all Arizonans, since many of these issues come from out of state to drive a larger, national agenda. Sometimes the issue is not even the issue, but rather a way of pushing a hot button topic that will drive a certain



demographic to the polls, with the hope that a specific demographic will show up to vote for candidates of the desired party.

If the proponents are going to pour millions of dollars into our state, they can afford to seek geographical diversity. The primary goal of democracy is not to be efficient in itself but to represent the will of the people without onerous requirements. This is not an onerous requirement. The activists behind these initiatives, whether an Arizona resident or not, may even find out something about the people in this state.

Vote Yes on Prop 134!

Steve Hetsler,  
Gold Canyon

### **Stephen Hetsler, Gold Canyon**

#### "VOTE "YES" ON PROPOSITION 134: IMPROVE OUR INITIATIVE PROCESS

Our current ballot initiative process allows for out-of-state special interests to wield disproportionate influence over our laws and regulations. It's time to level the playing field and make Arizona's ballot initiative process fair and balanced for all its residents.

By requiring signatures in support of initiatives to come from all parts of the state, not just one city, we can ensure that the voices and perspectives of all Arizonans are taken into account. This will lead to a more representative and diverse set of propositions on the ballot, reflecting the true values and priorities of our entire state.

One of the key benefits of making the initiative process fair and balanced is the increase in voter involvement. When individuals from every region of Arizona have a say in what initiatives make it onto the ballot, it fosters a sense of community engagement and empowerment. It encourages people from rural communities, not just urban centers, to participate in the democratic process and have a voice in shaping our state's future.

Furthermore, implementing a signature distribution requirement will help to curb the influence of out-of-state special interests who seek to push extreme measures onto our ballot. By ensuring that a certain percentage of signatures come from each legislative district, we can prevent wealthy outsiders from manipulating Arizona's initiative process for their own interests.

It's time to clean up Arizona's ballot box mess and restore integrity to our democratic system. Let's enact a reform that promotes fairness, inclusivity, and transparency in the initiative process. By making Arizona's ballot initiative process fair and balanced, we can create a more just and representative democracy for all Arizonans.

VOTE "YES" ON PROPOSITION 134:  
GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION of BALLOT INITIATIVES  
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**Jean Rice, Phoenix**

***Sponsored by Kaaren Sherrell***

I support Prop 134 which allows all counties in Arizona to share in the process of putting initiatives on the ballot for a vote - not simply the most populous counties.

Ballots include more than the candidates running for office. They also include measures that change laws or amend the constitution that are referred by the legislature. Alternatively, like some other states, the Arizona constitution reserves power for citizens themselves to propose laws and offer constitutional amendments in the form of an initiative. To qualify, they have to collect a certain number of signatures from voters. But all of those can be collected in just one or two cities, like Phoenix and Tucson, ignoring everyone else.

Prop 134 will ensure that petitions which affect all voters are presented throughout the state for consideration and input, not simply in densely populated urban areas. I urge voters to vote Yes on Prop 134.

**Gayle Peters, San Tan Valley**

This initiative is incredibly important to me for preserving Arizona's democracy. Mandating signature collection in every legislative district ensures that every corner of our state has a voice. It levels the playing field, moving influence away from densely populated areas to rural communities, ensuring inclusivity and representation for all Arizonans.

This initiative safeguards our democratic principles by preventing powerful special interests from manipulating Arizona's ballot. Requiring signatures from every district creates a fairer system where initiatives must earn support from a wide range of people across our diverse state.

It's about bridging the gap between urban and rural priorities. Recognizing the unique needs of each region fosters unity and collaboration statewide. It encourages dialogue and compromise, enhancing our democratic process by empowering local movements and organizations to engage with communities across Arizona.

By closing loopholes that out-of-state interests exploit, this initiative ensures that decisions affecting Arizona's future are made by us, the residents, not by distant entities with their own agendas.

This initiative is crucial for Arizona because it ensures decisions truly reflect our collective will. It strengthens our democracy by promoting inclusivity, fairness, and grassroots participation, making sure every voice counts in shaping our state's future. Please vote YES on SCR1015.

**Andrew Adams, Gilbert Citizen, Gilbert**

***Sponsored by LD14GOP***

Ensure all Arizonans have a voice in the citizens' initiative process, vote yes on Proposition 134.

Currently there are no requirements for initiative backers to gather signatures from across the state, so petition circulators can concentrate their efforts in densely populated urban areas like Phoenix and Tucson with no need to pitch their ideas to voters in more rural and exurban areas. Prop. 134 will make Arizona's initiative process fairer and more equitable by ensuring that signatures be gathered proportionally across each legislative district.

Prop. 134 represents a much-needed reform to Arizona's initiative process. Due to our state's Voter Protection Law, initiatives are extremely difficult to repeal or fix once enacted by voters – meaning that if there are unintended consequences, lawmakers will be left nearly powerless to address them. This measure will require initiative proponents to engage with communities across the state to secure widespread support for a measure before it goes to voters. This will lead to more thoughtful and broadly-backed policies making it to the statewide ballot – the way it should be.

By spreading the signature requirement across all legislative districts, Prop. 134 also prevents outside special interest groups from disproportionately influencing the initiative process, ensuring that proposed measures have genuine grassroots support rather than being driven by narrow, localized agendas.

About half the states that have a citizen initiative process have a geographic distribution requirement. That's because it's a good idea, and a commonsense one. If significant changes are going to be made to our state's statutes or constitution, they should be backed by a broad and representative cross-section of the electorate.

Prop. 134 is a necessary step toward protecting and improving the fairness and integrity of Arizona's initiative process by giving all Arizonans a voice. We urge you to join us in voting YES.

**Danny Seiden, President & CEO, Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Phoenix**

"Vote yes to Prop 134 which requires citizen initiative measures to collect signatures from every legislative district in the state. Our Founding Fathers recognized the importance of geographical representation by having two Senators to represent each state. This ensured legislation could not pass that only benefits one region. Requiring signatures from each legislative district provides the same protection to Arizona's citizens. Without requiring geographical distribution, an initiative can be on the ballot with only the signatures from one populous area of the state disenfranchising rural communities.

Prop 134 will require greater voter involvement. Citizens from all areas of the state would need to sign any ballot initiative providing fair and balanced representation of the entire state.

Vote yes to Prop 134 - Geographic Distribution - to ensure equal representation of all geographical areas of Arizona."

**Jo Ann Gasper, Hereford**  
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## Vote Yes on Prop 134: Ensures Fairness and Equality vs. Tyranny of the Majority

We must avoid the “tyranny of the majority.” When the founding fathers gathered to create what became our Constitution, the tyranny of the majority was a front-of-mind issue. Why? Because they knew from history that such a tyranny is far more dangerous in a free and democratic society than a tyrannical king or dictator who might emerge. What is tyranny of the majority? It has been defined this way:

“The tyranny of the majority” (or tyranny of the masses) is an inherent weakness to majority rule in which the majority of an electorate pursues exclusively its own objectives at the expense of those of the minority factions.”

Because the US Constitution provides safeguards to protect the interests of states with lesser populations, we have little to fear from this threat because those guardrails eventually prevail over the tyrannical elements in the majority.

However, what we DO need to watch out for here in Arizona are public referendums that can create a tyranny of the majority within the issues they address. As valuable as many referendums are, they too need constitutional guardrails to protect minority interests. Therefore, I urge you to vote “YES” on Proposition 134, because it establishes a vital and constitutional guardrail. Simply put, it will help prevent areas of the state with larger populations from seeking goals that might damage regions with smaller populations without getting their input at all.

For issues that affect us differently by region like water, power, land use, transportation, pollution, carbon regulations, etc., this is an obvious safeguard. All Arizonans should have a say in what goes on the ballot. Vote Yes on 134.

### **Priscilla Moore, Scottsdale**

"Vote Yes on Prop 134

The citizen initiative process, in theory, was created to allow citizens to have a direct voice in proposing ballot measures that if passed become law. Under the current system, however, the necessary signatures may be collected from anywhere which means the signatures usually are collected from just the cities of Phoenix and Tucson for a ballot measure that effects every corner of the state.

Under the current system, special interest groups pay petition circulators in two cities, Phoenix and Tucson, to get the required signatures to put a measure on the ballot. Thus, a simple majority of voters in the cities of Phoenix and Tucson can impose laws on the whole state which override the interests and concerns of rural, small town and suburban voters.

A vote in support of Prop 134 ensures that proponents of ballot measures must have support from all legislative districts in Arizona which include the rural, small town and suburban areas.

Improving the citizens' initiative process by requiring that signatures must be collected from geographical diverse areas ensure that these ballot measures truly reflect the will of all citizens from every county in the state including the most rural to the most urban.

Prop 134 is a fair and balanced approach to the citizen initiative process that protects Arizona citizens from excess control by big cities and out-of-state special interests.

If you support the idea that ballot measures should be fair and balanced, should give a voice to all Arizona citizens, should increase voter involvement, should give rural communities a voice, and should stop out-of-state influence, then vote yes for Prop 134.

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**Deborah Kirkland, Mesa**

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Please vote YES on Prop 134.

Currently, all signatures to qualify an initiative for the ballot can be collected in population centers such as Tucson and Phoenix. This is imbalanced and ignores the will and interests of the majority of Arizona's counties. Further, out of state special interests focus on just those populous areas, completely ignoring everyone else in the process. Prop 134 would ensure that groups looking to place something on our ballot have the buy-in of voters from all across Arizona.

Giving rural voters equal say in what we do as a state is just the right thing to do, preventing large populous regions from dominating less populous regions with their desires.

Vote YES on Prop 134.

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Currently, with a citizen initiative, petitioners focus on voters in highly populated areas like Phoenix and Tucson to collect those signatures. Once the initiative makes it to the ballot, Phoenix and Tucson can have majority vote, and rural Arizonans are not represented.

Prop 134 improves voter involvement across the entire state. Signatures would need to be collected in all thirty legislative districts. Resulting in all of the counties and rural areas being represented in support or against the initiative. Over half of the states currently use this fair and balanced approach to the citizen initiative process. Arizonans can learn from these other states and adopt this process.

Vote YES on Pro 134.

### **John Hassett, Phoenix**

Maricopa County shouldn't be the only voice heard in Arizona. Voting YES on Prop 134 ensures that the voices of all regions of our incredible state are listened to, protecting us from BIG MONEY out-of-state crony interests.

No one should be boxed out of determining which ideas make it to the ballot. Top issues differ by region and solutions to those problems also come with various opinions across our state.

Currently, BIG MONEY out-of-state special interests consistently hijack our ballot access, putting lunatic language on the ballot designed to confuse voters and pull the wool over our eyes.

The best way to prevent Arizona from turning into a commie California is to vote YES on Prop 134, ensuring that all Arizona regions are represented in access to our ballot.

- Your YES vote on Prop 134 increases voter involvement across our beautiful state.
- Your YES vote on Prop 134 results in a more fair and balanced initiative access process.
- Your YES vote on Prop 134 gives rural communities, including our Native American nations, a voice in the law-making process.
- Your YES vote on Prop 134 ensures Arizona's voices are prioritized and stops out-of-state crony BIG MONEY influence from hijacking our ballot.

Read the summary for yourself, and you decide:

<https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/1R/summary/S.SCR1015GOV.DOCX.htm>

**Merissa Hamilton, Chairwoman, EZAZ.org, Phoenix and Thia Hassett, Director, EZAZ.org, Phoenix**

Vote Yes on Prop 134! To provide equity and inclusion to Arizonans' outside of Tucson and Phoenix. Currently it only takes 10 % of the number of voters who voted in the prior gubernatorial election to have a statutory measure and 15% for constitutional amendments. Historically only Phoenix and Tucson residents have been sought after which leaves rural and suburban voices out. This bill increases voter involvement and includes all of Arizona's communities making measures/constitutional changes equal and balanced. I used to live in Casa Grande, and I currently live in Mesa. Both communities are just as important as Phoenix and Tucson.

**Naomi Ruppel, Mesa**