

## **Arguments “For” Proposition 314**

Ignore the gaslighting and vote yes on the Proposition 314 to secure the border. When the federal government fails to control our borders, then the impacted States have no choice but to step into the breach. By any definition, our Country is experiencing an invasion by the world’s unemployed and under-employed. We have no responsibility to ensure the economic well-being of the rest of the world. Nor should we tolerate the obviously fraudulent claims of political persecution. The financial burden of caring for millions of economic migrants will run into the billions that should be instead going to Americans. And even worse, whatever jobs the low-skill illegal entrants do get will be at the expense of the poorest Americans. Proposition 314 looks to first secure our border by criminalizing the cartel-enabled flow through the unsafe and largely lawless deserts. Second, since we are a country of laws, then obviously anyone trying to collect public benefits or gain employment with fake papers should be prosecuted. That’s just straight-up stealing. And for the same reason, state agencies who might be a little confused about who they serve should be mandated to ensure only lawful applicants get access to public benefits. And finally, the measure goes after fentanyl dealers. Fentanyl is a known killer. Anyone selling fentanyl that results in an overdose death should receive a harsh sentence. These are not radical propositions. Proposition 314 is a commonsense response to the man-made disaster occurring at our southern boarder every day. Until the federal government decides to prioritize Americans over the needs of the rest of the world, Arizona must shoulder this burden to protect its own citizens. Please support this proposition by voting yes.

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

Vote YES on the Secure the Border Act Proposition. Most Americans just want a secure southern border, and expect the federal government to actively curtail illegal immigration, human trafficking, and drug smuggling. However, the Biden Administration has failed to secure our southern borders. Therefore, Arizonans must secure our state’s southern border. In 2023, federal benefits paid to Illegals’ cost American taxpayers over \$180 billion annually. Illegals are overwhelming communities by consuming limited affordable housing, crowding our classrooms, and overburdening our hospitals and emergency rooms. The act includes a “Declaration of Invasion” under Article IV, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution. The act authorizes Arizona law enforcement to arrest and prosecute illegals crossing the border. The act explicitly requires “lawful presence” to collect public benefits, which will exclude the over 10 million illegal border crossers incentivized by the Biden Administration from collecting public benefits. The act requires all employers to use E-Verify for all employees. The act improves Arizona law enforcement’s ability to arrest and prosecute fentanyl traffickers, potentially reducing the number of American fentanyl deaths annually. The act empowers Arizona law enforcement to curtail human trafficking of men, women, children, foreign criminals, and foreign terrorists from crossing our border, which should result in significant reductions in illegal alien crime (burglary, identity theft, hit and runs, assaults, and even murder (think Laken Riley). The FBI and DOD have documented over 100 incidents of illegal alien “gate crashers” attempting to gain access to U.S. military bases. What is next, an illegal alien sponsored 9/11 event? Don’t believe the media gaslighting and disinformation. Arizona voters need to empower Arizona law enforcement to

secure Arizona's southern border. Vote YES on the Secure the Border Act Proposition. Joel Strabala, Concerned Arizona Citizen.

**Joel Strabala, Concerned Arizona Citizen, Tucson**

Vote Yes on Prop 314 "Secure the Border Act"

IT'S GOOD FOR ARIZONA AND GOOD FOR THE NATION!

RidersUSA asks you to vote YES on this Initiative for many important reasons. Since 2020, the Biden administration has created an unprecedented National Crisis by allowing millions of Illegal Immigrants to flood across our Borders through a corrosive and self-destructive "Open Borders" policy.

The downside to this self-inflicted Border Crisis is that tons of drugs, including deadly fentanyl, have been smuggled across our Borders annually since 2020. This has resulted in the deaths of thousands of Americans! Transnational Cartels are not only cashing in on the drug trade but are profiting from the sale of migrant women and children to criminal enterprises dealing in sex trafficking and indentured servitude. This is nothing more than our federal government enabling a form of modern-day slavery!

Voting "Yes" on Prop 314 will allow Arizona law enforcement to do the job the federal government refuses to do.

Voting "Yes" on Prop 314 will make it a State Crime for foreign nationals to illegally enter Arizona by avoiding lawful immigration ports of entry and allow Arizona policing agencies to arrest and detain these individuals for adjudication and deportation proceedings.

Voting "Yes" on Prop 314 will strengthen the federal E-Verify program and will deny Public Taxpayer Benefits to those here illegally.

Opponents of Prop 314 claim that it will cost the State of Arizona "millions of dollars" in enforcement and incarceration costs while conveniently omitting the fact that billions more will be saved by cutting off benefits and services to foreign lawbreakers who shouldn't be here in the first place.

Do the right thing by restoring law, order, common sense and dignity to a broken Federal Immigration System. Vote "Yes" on Prop 314.

**Tim Rafferty, Secretary, RidersUSA, Gilbert**

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Open border policies have allowed 10 million illegal aliens to cross the border into the United States since President Biden took office. American jobs and families are threatened every day by the constant influx of illegal aliens invading the country. Prop 314 is a meaningful, commonsense proposal to protect the safety and well-being of our communities.

Arizona spends \$2.3 billion a year on expenditures for illegal aliens, according to an estimate from the Federation for American Immigration Reform. Prop 314 would limit this strain on social services by ensuring that public benefits are only utilized by those who are lawfully present in the United States.

Runaway government spending has resulted in soaring prices for Arizonans making housing, groceries, and day-to-day life unaffordable and the American dream unattainable. Prop 314

protects jobs by helping employers maintain a legal workforce by strengthening penalties for submitting false employment eligibility documents through E-Verify.

Violent crimes committed by illegal aliens have also spiked during President Biden's time in office. Prop 314 empowers law enforcement to keep our communities safe by establishing penalties and enforcement against illegal border crossings.

Vote YES on Prop 314 to protect social services, jobs, and communities!

**Nathan Duell, Arizona State Director, Heritage Action for America, Glendale**  
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Arizona finds itself in a dire situation due to the Biden Administration's negligence of our southern border. This neglect has led to a crisis that demands immediate legislative action, such as the enactment of the Secure the Border Act. This proposed law is crucial for several reasons.

First, the lax border policies under the current administration have resulted in a surge of illegal crossings. This influx not only poses severe national security risks but also allows cartels and adversaries to exploit vulnerabilities, smuggling dangerous drugs like fentanyl into our communities. This has fueled a public health emergency and contributed to escalating rates of violent crime.

Arizona has witnessed a troubling rise in violent crimes linked directly to the influx of illegal immigrants. Communities are grappling with increased incidents of human trafficking, assaults, and property crimes, straining local law enforcement resources that are already stretched thin due to federal inaction.

I believe there is a significant economic impact as Arizona taxpayers bear the burden of providing healthcare, education, and social services to undocumented individuals. The Secure the Border Act draws inspiration from Texas' SB 4 and empowers state law enforcement to detain and initiate deportation proceedings for those who enter Arizona illegally. This approach not only alleviates pressure on local resources but also serves as a deterrent, sending a clear message that illegal entry will face consequences.

In essence, the Secure the Border Act is essential for restoring order and security along Arizona's border. It establishes a legal framework that enables state authorities to protect their communities, uphold the rule of law, and mitigate the detrimental effects of uncontrolled immigration and drug trafficking. Arizona cannot afford to wait any longer for decisive action to safeguard its citizens and resources. Please vote YES on HCR2060.

**Andrew Adams, Gilbert Citizen, Gilbert**  
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If you care about curbing inflation and making Arizona safe again, then vote YES on Prop 314.

Billions of our tax dollars are currently wasted due to the crime, homelessness, environmental impact, and income inequality caused by the open border. The cost to enforce Prop 314 is a fraction of the cost Arizona currently spends on the consequences of an open border.

- A YES vote on Prop 314 means law enforcement has the tools they need to stop the future flow of human trafficking and fentanyl across the border.

- A YES vote on Prop 314 means current legal immigrant neighborhoods in Arizona do not have to worry about violence from the cartels and gangs being imported onto their streets. As we lose more local enforcement, the most vulnerable neighborhoods face an incredible increase in violence where it's now unsafe for children to play outside with their friends.

- A YES vote on Prop 314 only allows law enforcement to remove people who are witnessed to have crossed illegally over the border after the proposition becomes law.

- A YES vote on Prop 314 does not impact people who cross over the Arizona border through a legal port of entry or who were already in America before the law was passed.

- A YES vote on Prop 314 means less strain on our classrooms and housing where citizens have greater access to the resources funded by our tax dollars.

- A YES vote on Prop 314 means a better quality of life for all Arizonans.

Don't just take our word for it. Read the legislative summary yourself:

[https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/2R/summary/S.HCR2060MAPS\\_ASPASSEDADDCOW.DOCX.htm](https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/2R/summary/S.HCR2060MAPS_ASPASSEDADDCOW.DOCX.htm)

**Merissa Hamilton, The ROAR PAC, Phoenix**

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How would you be affected if the government stopped enforcing property laws and just anyone could come and live in your residence with you? When you allow someone to move in with you, you vet that person. Shouldn't our borders be the same?

You want to be sure they aren't going to bring drugs in, steal or harm you or your family and pets. Is it not the same with our borders? There is a process in place to enter our country legally and we welcome those new citizens to Arizona.

But when the government does not protect our borders, that process is bypassed. The result? We see an increase in human trafficking. We see an increase in illegal drugs, overdoses and deaths. We see an increase in robbery and violence.

Currently, the cartels control our border. Without our ability to protect it, these bad actors can extort innocents. 400,000 unaccompanied minors have crossed the southwest border between 2021 and 2023. A bulk of these are believed to be victims of human smuggling. Limiting the

crossing of our border to legal access points will make the smuggling of these children much more difficult.

Let state Law Enforcement do what the Federal Officers are being prevented from doing. It's not just good for Arizona, it's good for everyone.

Vote YES on Prop 314.

**John Hassett, Phoenix**