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## **Rep. Mark Finchem Reacts to Latest Allegations of Improper Ballot Signature Gathering**

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representative Mark Finchem (R-11) today released the following statement in reaction to the latest allegations that Save Our Schools petition gatherers improperly circulated petitions for a referendum on SB 1431.

**“The folks behind the petition drive to limit parental choice in education will stop at nothing to disrupt Empowerment Scholarship Accounts,”** said Representative Finchem. **“Given the wide range of impropriety of signature collections, it is clear that the government education monopoly doesn’t care about complying with state law.”**

SB 1431 expands parental choice by way of the Empowerment Scholarship Account program and adds more fiscal responsibility, academic accountability, and transparency to the program. Mr. Finchem wholeheartedly supported this legislation.

**“I am distressed by the number of statutory compliant irregularities,”** added Representative Finchem. **“Strict compliance was intended to prevent this type of unacceptable behavior.”**

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