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Representative Mark Finchem Applauds AZ Supreme Court for Granting Review on Medicaid Expansion Case

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Mark Finchem (R-11) today applauded the Arizona Supreme Court for granting review on a case challenging Arizona's expansion of Medicaid. Representative Finchem is a plaintiff in the case.

In order to pay for an expansion of Medicaid eligibility and circumvent a constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds majority to raise taxes, the state assessed a fee on hospitals.

"I'm optimistic that the Arizona Supreme Court will see this 'fee' for what it truly is: an unconstitutional tax that was passed in direct violation of the voter-passed Proposition 108," said Representative Finchem. **"As Arizona continues to add jobs to our economy, it defies logic that the state would fight to expand the welfare state."**

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