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### SB 1062 conflates discrimination with religious freedom

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – The Senate Democratic Caucus released the following statements on today’s passage of [SB 1062](#) by the Senate:

“SB 1062 permits discrimination under the guise of religious freedom. With the express consent of Republicans in this Legislature, many Arizonans will find themselves members of a separate and unequal under this law because of their sexual orientation,” said Senate Democratic Leader Anna Tovar. “This bill may also open the door to discriminate based on race, familial status, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability.”

“Legislation of this kind has been attempted this year in [Kansas](#), [South Dakota](#), [Tennessee](#) and [Idaho](#). Each of those attempts failed after [prominent members of the business community spoke against the measures](#). While our state continues to recover from the public relations nightmare of SB 1070, the Republican supporters of this bill are willing to elicit the inevitable backlash and boycotts that will result from its passage.

“Arizona does not need this bill, Arizonans do not want this bill and there is no place for this bill in our modern society. We have come too far to turn back the clock with such a disgraceful assault on members of our community based on their sexual orientation.”

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