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URGING THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION TO ENSURE RELIABLE AND
AFFORDABLE UTILITY SERVICES.

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1 To the Commissioners of the Arizona Corporation Commission:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, in 2006 the Arizona Corporation Commission approved the
4 Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff Rules mandating that regulated
5 electric utilities generate 15% of their energy from renewable resources
6 by 2025, costing ratepayers \$2.3 billion; and

7 Whereas, in 2018, Proposition 127, which would have amended the
8 Arizona constitution to require utilities to obtain 50% renewable energy
9 by 2030, was rejected by voters by more than a two-to-one margin; and

10 Whereas, in 2020, the Arizona Corporation Commission opened a docket
11 to consider mandating utilities to obtain 100% renewable energy by 2050;
12 and

13 Whereas, an independent third-party analysis found that the proposed
14 mandates would cost ratepayers \$6 billion by 2050, resulting in the
15 mandate being rejected by a three-to-two vote; and

16 Whereas, following the rejection of renewable mandates by the
17 Commission, Arizona's utilities announced voluntary commitments to go "Net
18 Zero" by 2050; and

19 Whereas, Net Zero requires retiring all coal generation by 2031 and
20 relying almost exclusively on solar, wind and battery storage; and

21 Whereas, solar and wind are intermittent and therefore unreliable
22 sources of energy generation that cannot be dispatched at all times to
23 respond to demand; and

24 Whereas, countries that have committed to going Net Zero have
25 experienced increased costs and reduced reliability, including in Germany
26 where the cost of electricity per kilowatt hour is more than 42 cents
27 compared to an average cost of 15 cents per kilowatt hour in Arizona,
28 representing an annual cost of \$3,300 more for the average customer; and

29 Whereas, recent reports have found that ratepayers in states with
30 renewable energy mandates spend 42% more on electricity than ratepayers in
31 states with no mandates; and

32 Whereas, Net Zero is built on a faulty presumption that carbon is
33 bad, yet carbon dioxide makes up less than 0.4% of earth's atmosphere,
34 amounting to 400 parts per million, and if carbon dioxide levels drop
35 below 150 ppm life could not be supported; and

36 Whereas, the United States going Net Zero would only reduce global
37 temperatures by 0.02 degrees and the entire world going Net Zero would
38 only reduce global temperatures by 0.13 degrees; and

39 Whereas, this trivial reduction in global temperatures cannot
40 justify the \$78 trillion, at minimum, cost of eliminating carbon
41 emissions; and

42 Whereas, the retirement of reliable generation sources would plunge
43 Arizona into energy poverty; and

1 Whereas, Arizona citizens, including families, schools, hospitals,
2 small businesses, farms and industries, depend on reliable and affordable
3 electric utility service for everything they do, from operating lifesaving
4 medical equipment to operating lifesaving building temperature and
5 humidity control systems; and

6 Whereas, utilities have to "overbuild" the grid when replacing
7 reliable sources of energy with unreliable sources of energy to account
8 for the intermittent nature of those sources, recovering costs from
9 ratepayers for energy they never receive; and

10 Whereas, Arizona ratepayers should only pay for the energy they
11 receive; and

12 Whereas, utilities and the Corporation Commission should focus only
13 on ensuring reliable, affordable and abundant energy generation.

14 Wherefore, your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
15 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

16 1. That the Arizona Corporation Commission ensure the Arizona grid
17 is powered by affordable and reliable energy generation.

18 2. That the Arizona Corporation Commission prevent regulated
19 utilities from going "Net Zero" and shutting down this state's critical
20 dispatchable sources of energy generation and replacing them with costly,
21 intermittent and unreliable solar, wind and battery storage.

22 3. That the Arizona Corporation Commission protect ratepayers by
23 adopting the national model policy entitled "Only Pay for What You Get" to
24 allow Arizona utilities to recover costs only from the reliable portion of
25 generation from a proposed new source.

26 4. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit
27 copies of this Memorial to the Chairperson and each Commissioner of the
28 Arizona Corporation Commission.