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**Arizona House of Representatives**

**Speaker of the House Rusty Bowers (R-25)**

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## Speaker Bowers Releases Statement on SB 1394

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Speaker of the House Rusty Bowers (R-25) today released the following statement on his decision not to assign SB 1394 to committee:

**“I’m a decades-long supporter of charter schools and believe they are imperative to giving families a choice in how to educate their children. Unfortunately, my statement today was taken out of context and used to feed a media narrative that suggests that SB 1394 doesn’t go far enough.”**

**“SB 1394 would add additional accountability and transparency to charter schools and clarify charter school statutes. The bill incorporated numerous changes from Democrats, who would rather see the charter school model fail than be improved. Members of both parties now feel the bill either goes too far or not far enough. Unfortunately, the bill doesn’t have the votes to pass in the House because partisan gamesmanship is more important to some than improved accountability.”**

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