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Representative Petersen: Private Border Wall Construction to Meet Safety Standards

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – House Majority Leader Warren Petersen (R-12) today announced that he will amend HB 2084, a bill that he recently introduced which streamlines the construction of the southern border wall on state and private land. Representative Petersen's amendment stresses the importance of safety by ensuring that private land owners file certification documentation that private border wall is built in compliance with all required engineering and safety standards.

"Private border walls must and will be built to safety standards," said Representative Petersen. **"Unfortunately, some of my liberal colleagues are saying a private wall cannot be built safely. In reality, some simply don't want a border wall built at all."**

Upon his bill's introduction, Representative Petersen was clear that construction of the border wall must still adhere to federal law, such as environmental impact regulations, and the legislation respects the rights of private property owners. In amending his legislation, safety is clearly emphasized as a priority in any construction.

"The fact is private walls are being built in other states that meet or exceed federal standards. To make sure this happens in Arizona, I will amend HB 2084 to require owners to submit an affidavit of completion to the city or county, signed and sealed by a licensed engineer, certifying the wall was built according to plan and safety specifications."

Representatives Nancy Barto (R-15), Leo Biasiucci (R-5), Frank Carroll (R-22), Regina Cobb (R-5), David Cook (R-8), John Fillmore (R-16), Mark Finchem (R-11), Travis Grantham (R-12), John Kavanagh (R-23), Becky Nutt (R-14), Kevin Payne (R-21), Steve Pierce (R-1), Bret Roberts (R-11), T.J. Shope (R-8), Jeff Weninger (R-17), and Senate Majority Leader Rick Gray (R-21) are original cosponsors of HB 2084.

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