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New Interim Ad Hoc Committee on Oversight, Accountability, and Big Tech Will Examine Government Censorship and Conduct of State Executive Officials

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Arizona House Speaker Ben Toma today announced the creation of a new Ad Hoc Committee on Oversight, Accountability, and Big Tech to learn about emerging legal and constitutional issues surrounding censorship by government officials and social media interference, big tech manipulation of internet platforms, and the use of artificial intelligence. Speaker Toma appointed State Representative Alexander Kolodin to chair the interim committee and Representatives Neal Carter (R-15) and a yet-to-be-named Democrat as additional members.

Representative Kolodin is looking forward to chairing the committee and is ready to get to work: **"Fighting for the First Amendment is an American's highest calling. With this new committee, I am excited to have the opportunity to do so on behalf of the people of Arizona."**

The Committee will hold its first public meeting on September 5, 2023, at the State Capitol to hear from leading experts in the fields of focus and to learn more about how potential legislation should be crafted to protect Arizonans' constitutional rights, including their rights to free speech guaranteed by the U.S. and Arizona Constitutions. The Committee will also explore the proper role of state officials and conduct relevant investigations to ensure that executive officers are fulfilling their constitutional duties.

Additional information is expected to be announced soon.

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