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Arizona Delegation on Bipartisan Trade Mission Explores Opening State Trade Office in Romania

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative David Cook, Chairman of the House International Trade Committee, provided an update from Romania on the bipartisan delegation's [trade mission](#) intended to open pathways for expanded economic collaboration, enable Arizona to tap into emerging markets, and to attract foreign investment to boost the state's economic growth and diversification.

“The delegation of representatives from Arizona is on a strategic tour in Europe, a tour that includes only two countries, the United Kingdom and Romania,” said Chairman Cook. **“Countries which, according to our analysis, are extremely important for Euro-Atlantic security as well as bilateral economic relations with the state Arizona.”**

Currently the delegation is in Romania exploring the possibility of opening a trade office there that could lead to new business opportunities, expanding economic collaboration and increasing investments the country and surrounding region.

“This trade tour is a strategic step toward Arizona becoming an international hub for business and research not only in Romania but the surrounding countries as well,” Cook added. **“We want to connect with partners from the UK and Romania, open the door wide for direct investment, expand our business networks, and thus achieve economic growth and prosperity for our citizens.”**

The delegation has participated in the summit of the Three Seas Initiative and had bilateral meetings with Romanian officials, including the Minister of Economy, the Minister of Energy, the Minister of Digitalization, as well as representatives of the Romanian Investment and Foreign Trade Agency.

Representatives have also met with local officials and visited successful foreign investments, such as the Benchmark electronics facility in Braşov -- an American company based in Tempe – and manufacturing companies Walter Tosto WTB and Schaeffler Group.

The delegation members include International Trade Committee Chairman David Cook (R7), Vice Chairman Justin Wilmeth (R-2), committee members Tim Dunn (R-25), Melody Hernandez (D-8), Mariana Sandoval (D-23), Stacey Travers (D-12), and Representative Julie Willoughby (R-13).

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