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## Rep. Joseph Chaplik Leads Effort to Stop Dangerous Pedestrian Encounters on Arizona Roads

*House Approves HB2684 to Keep Pedestrians Off Medians and Roadways*

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – The Arizona House of Representatives today passed [HB2684](#), sponsored by Representative Joseph Chaplik, to keep pedestrians out of unsafe locations where they put themselves and drivers at risk. The bill prohibits pedestrians from congregating or soliciting in dangerous areas such as painted or raised medians, highway entrance and exit ramps, and other locations without safe pedestrian access.

**“Arizona ranks among the highest in the nation for pedestrian fatalities, and too often, people are standing or sitting in traffic medians, freeway ramps, and other places where no pedestrian should ever be,”** said Representative Chaplik. **“This law will prevent senseless tragedies by ensuring that pedestrians stay out of harm’s way, while also protecting drivers from the devastation of hitting someone in traffic. Public safety is not partisan—it’s common sense.”**

Under HB2684, law enforcement officers will issue a warning for a first violation, a civil traffic citation for a second offense, and a class 1 misdemeanor for repeat violations. The bill is a measured, responsible approach that prioritizes safety without criminalizing individuals on first offense.

**“With the passage of this bill, House Republicans continue delivering on our promise to make Arizona a safer place,”** Representative Chaplik added. **“The governor vetoed this bill last year, but we’ve addressed her concerns by adjusting penalties while keeping the focus where it belongs—on safety. I hope she reconsiders and signs it into law this time.”**

HB2684 aligns with the House Republican Majority Plan’s focus on public safety, reinforcing the caucus’s commitment to safer streets and stronger communities. It now moves to the Senate for consideration.

*Joseph Chaplik is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 3 and is Chairman of the House Regulatory Oversight Committee. Follow him on X at @JosephChaplik.*

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