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Arizona House Sends Repeal of Cesar Chavez Day Law to Governor Hobbs

*Strong bipartisan support in both chambers after reports of sexual abuse against girls
and women*

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – The Arizona House today passed legislation repealing the state law recognizing Cesar Chavez Day, following reports [detailing Chavez’s sexual abuse of girls and assaults on women](#). [HB 2072](#) passed the Senate last week and now heads to Governor Katie Hobbs for her signature.

“Arizona law should not honor a man tied to sexual abuse against children and violence against women,” said House Speaker Steve Montenegro. **“The House acted today because victims deserve better, the truth cannot be ignored, and state honors carry meaning. The Senate took the same step last week with strong bipartisan support. Governor Hobbs should sign it.”**

“Once these reports came to light, there was no excuse for leaving this honor in Arizona law,” said Representative Lisa Fink, sponsor of HB 2072. **“The women and children Chavez harmed should not have to watch the state continue honoring his name. Repealing this law is the proper response. It respects the victims he left behind and removes a state honor that should not remain in place.”**

Steve Montenegro is the Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives and serves Legislative District 29 in the West Valley, Goodyear, and Surprise. Follow him on X at @SteveMontenegro.

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