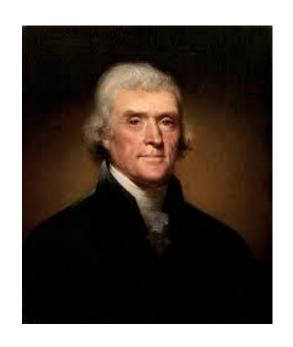
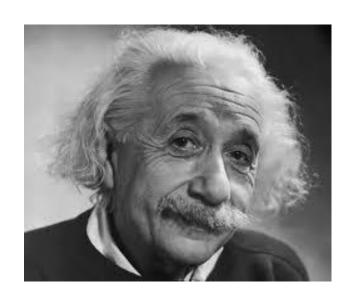


# 3 WAYS TO ADVOCATE for α HUNGER-FREE AZ



"We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate."

- Thomas Jefferson



"You have to learn the rules of the game. And then you have to play better than anyone else."

- Albert Einstein

# Quick Recap: 2017 Legislative Session

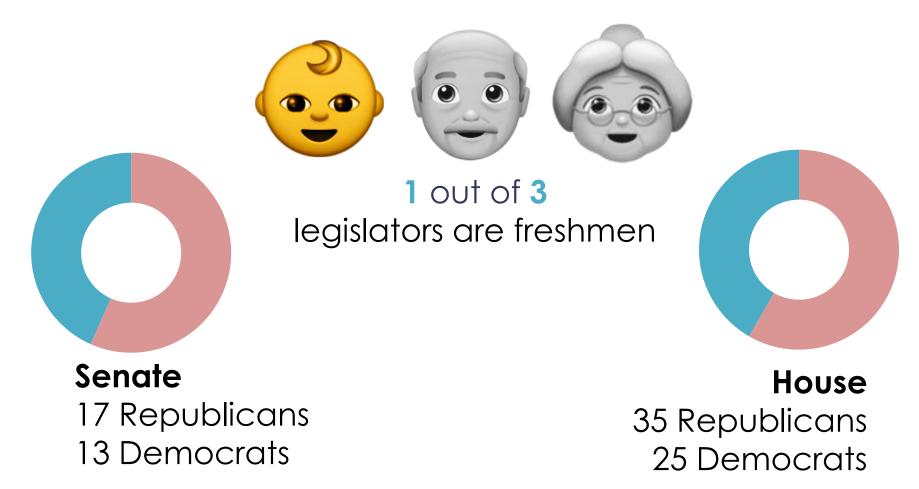
### THE LEGISLATURE

Senate
30 Members
1 member/district

2 year terms

House
60 Members
2 members/ district
2 year terms

### **AFTER THE 2016 ELECTION**



### **2017 SESSION: BY THE NUMBERS**

1.9.2017 **START**  5.10.2017 **END** 

122

DAYS

1,180
BILLS
INTRODUCED

339
BILLS PASSED

5
BILLS VETOED

**MAJOR ISSUES** 

PAYDAY LENDING

**PROTEST BILLS** 

**TEACHER PAY** 

**UNIVERSITY FUNDING** 

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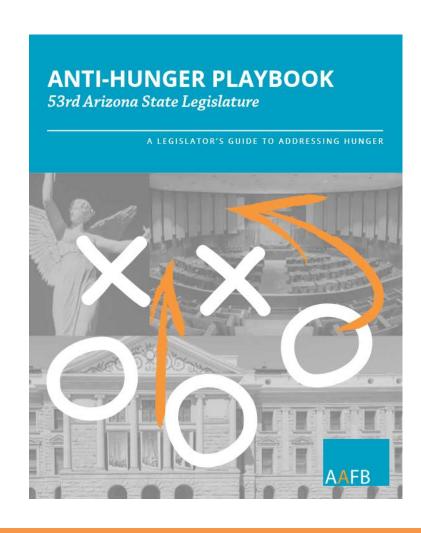
SCHOOL VOUCHERS

INITIATIVES AND REFERENDA

### ANTI-HUNGER PLAYBOOK

### Policy Priorities

- End the Arizona Finger
   Imaging Program
- Eliminate the SNAP Drug
   Felon Ban



REFERENCE TITLE: TANF; SNAP; finger imaging; repeal

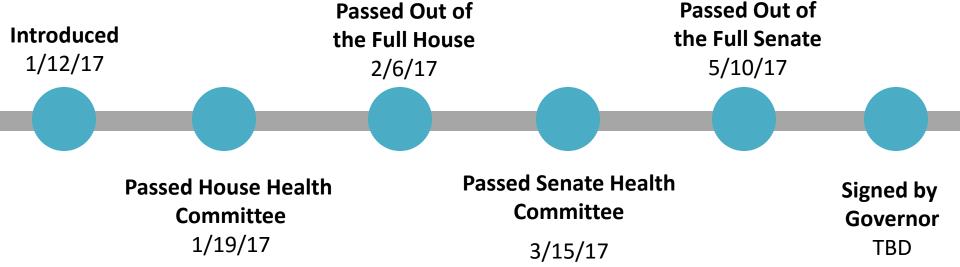
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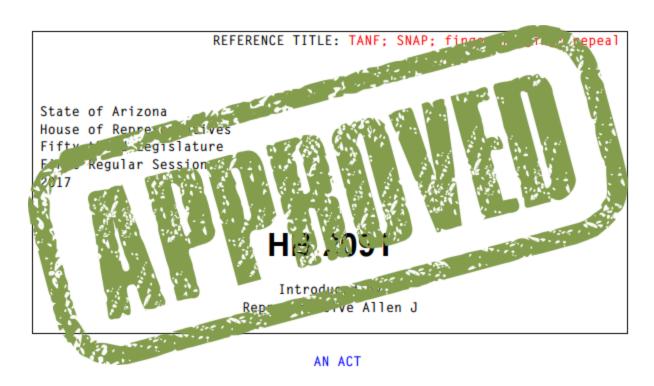
### **HB 2091**

Introduced by Representative Allen J

AN ACT

REPEALING SECTIONS 46-217 AND 46-218, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO FINGER IMAGING PROGRAMS.





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REFERENCE TITLE: public benefits; fee waivers; requirements

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### **HB 2372**

Introduced by Representatives Weninger: Townsend, Senator Brophy McGee

### AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 7.2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-1080.01; AMENDING SECTION 46-201, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 46, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 46-219; AMENDING SECTIONS 46-294 AND 46-297, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 46, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTIONS 46-297.01 AND 46-297.02; AMENDING SECTION 46-299, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO PUBLIC BENEFITS.

Passed Out of the Full House 1/31/17 2/24/17

Passed Out of the Full Senate 5/10/17

Passed House Committee

Health (2/2/17) Appropriations (2/8/17) Passed Senate Committee

Health (3/8/17) Appropriations (3/28/17) Signed by Governor TBD

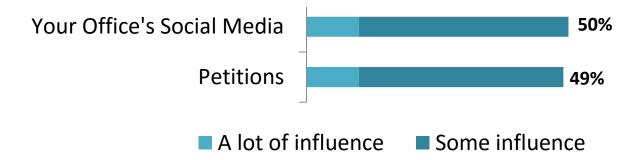


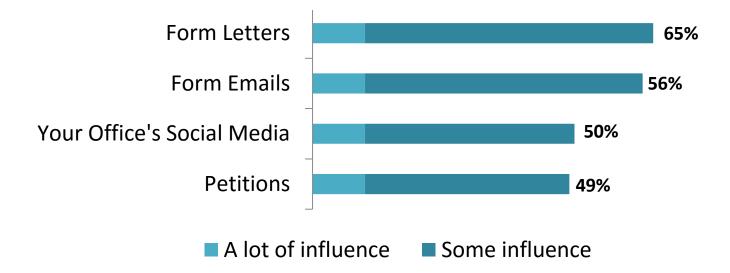
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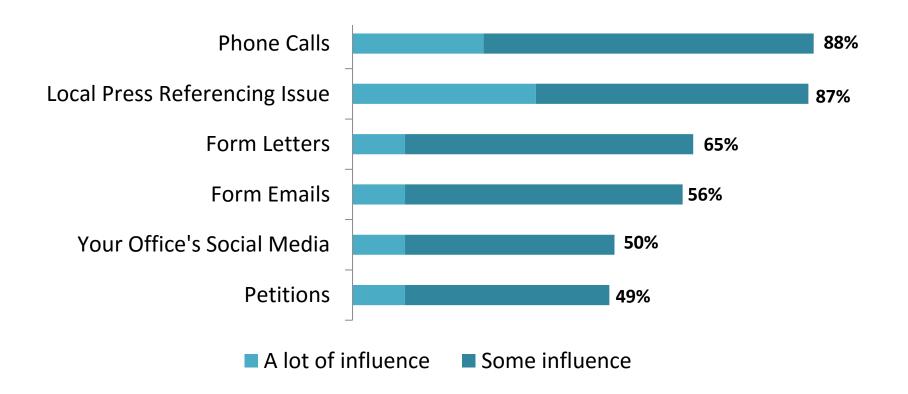
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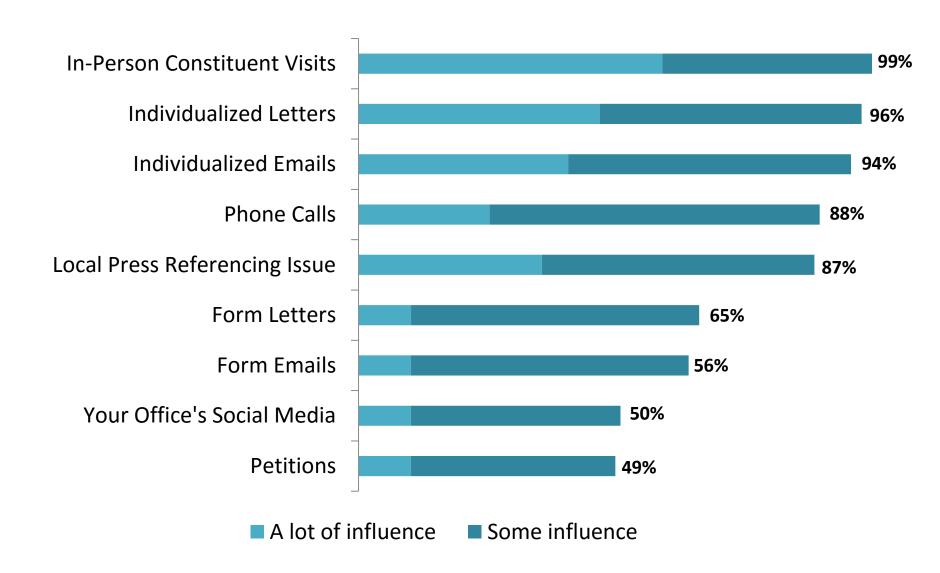
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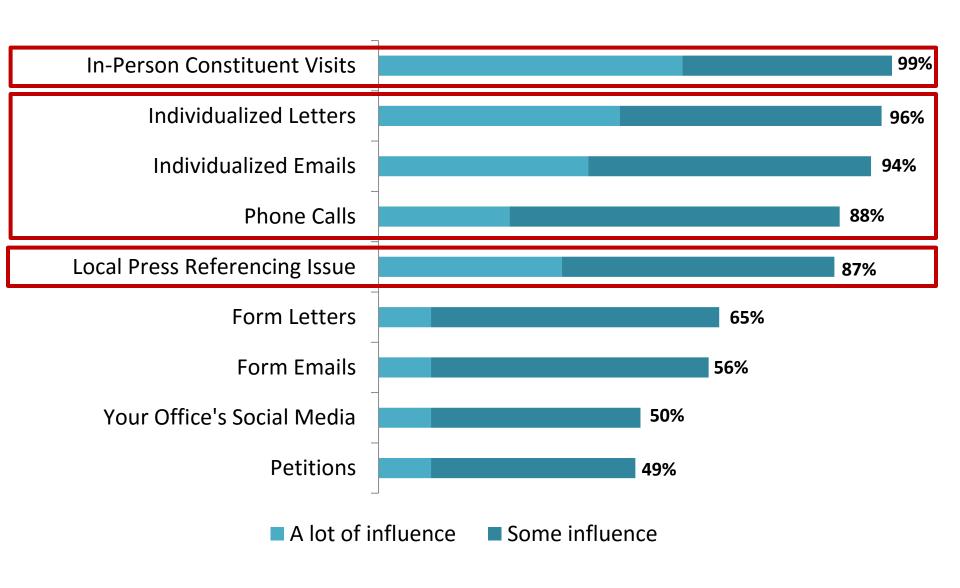
"If your boss has not already arrived at a firm decision on an issue, how much influence might the following advocacy strategies have on his/her decision?"











- 1. Face-to-face meetings
- 2. Personal communication
  - 3. Letters to the editor

# Face-to-face meetings







### **FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS**

### TOP FIVE TIPS

### 1. Know Who You're Talking To

Does this person have some connection to my issue? What committees do they sit on? What do their kids do for a living?

### 2. Tell the Facts and Tell a Story

Different lawmakers are moved by different things.

### 3. Always Have a Specific "Ask"

Be specific – don't just ask if they support ending hunger. Do you want the legislator to vote a certain way? Do you want them to co-sponsor a bill? Want them to be your champion for an appropriation?

### 4. Stay on Message

Oftentimes, legislators will want to talk about a number of issues. Your job is to keep them focused on your ask.

### 5. Follow-Up

Thank within 1-2 days. Follow up within 2 weeks about your ask.

# Personal Correspondence

JOHN McCAIN

CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

### United States Senate

SEP 7 RECT

August 19, 2016

Angie Rodgers President and CEO Association of Arizona Food Banks 2100 N. Central Ave., Suite 230 Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Dear Ms. Rodgers:

I am writing to thank you and your colleagues for your letter concerning the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). I appreciate knowing how important the EFSP program is for the state's network of emergency food suppliers.

As you noted, the Senate's version of the Homeland Security Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2017 continues to fund EFSP at \$120 million while the Senate's version would cut EFSP funding to \$100 million. I oppose the Senate provisions and will support the House funding level as the bill moves through the legislative process. The program itself is overextended and arguably doesn't meet existing need to begin with. With over 1.1 million people who are food insecure in Arizona, our state must not see cuts to EFSP assistance. I will work with my colleagues in the Senate to make sure ESPF funding is protected.

Thank you for contacting me on this matter. Don't hesitate to contact me again on this or any other issue of concern.

John McCain
United States Senator

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TELEPHONE FOR HEARING IMPAIRED (602) 952-0170 From: Mishkin, Kelsey [mailto:Kelsey.Mishkin@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2016 12:10 PM

To: Oscar De Los Santos

Subject: RE: Closing the Meal Gap Act of 2016 (HR 5215)

Hi Oscar – you will be please to know that Mr. Grijalva has requested to be added as a cosponsor to the bill. Appreciate you bringing it to my attention.

Stay in touch!

My Best,

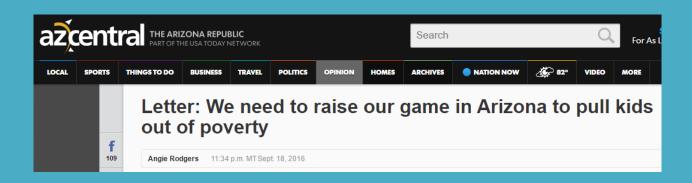
Kelsey H. Mishkin | Legislative Director <u>Congressman Raúl M. Grijalva</u> | Arizona District 3 202.225.2435 | 1511 Longworth HOB

### WRITING TO ELECTED OFFICIALS

### **BEST PRACTICES**

- 1. Establish your credibility. Tell them you're a voter and community leader.
- 2. Tell a [short] story that appeals to both emotion and fact.
- 3. Make the Ask: remember to be specific
- 4. Focus on the district. AAFB has you covered!
- 5. Conclusion: quick summary and always ask for a follow up.
  - \* Make sure to keep it brief\*
  - \* Only cover ONE issue at a time\*
    - \* Always be corteous\*

# Letters to the Editor





# Angie Rodgers: Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue must prioritize ending hunger

May 3rd, 2017 · by Letter to the editor · Comments: o

The Association of Arizona Food Banks congratulates former Georgia governor Sonny Perdue on his confirmation as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. AAFB calls on Secretary Perdue to prioritize combating hunger, an issue that affects one in five Arizonans.

### OPINIONS, AZCENTRAL, COM

### MLK told us hunger shouldn't exist anywhere on the planet

In December 1964, in Oslo, Norway, Dr. King, speaking to the world after being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, put forth a basic idea: that hunger is wholly unnecessary in the modern world.

Today, 53 years after Dr. King's speech in Oslo, one in four children in Arizona go without enough to properly nourish their bodies. One in seven seniors languishes in hunger.

"The question on the agenda," King exclaimed on that occasion, "must read: Why should there be hunger and privation in any land, in any city, at any table when man has the resources and the scientific know-how to provide all mankind with the basic necessities of life?"

The deficit, he said, was not in resources, but in will. I concur. So as we commemorate Dr. King's life and legacy, let us remember that in the richest nation on earth, hunger is a problem we need not have.

It's not a problem in search of a solution – it's a problem in search of the moral and political will to implement that solution.

Oscar de Los Santos, Phoenix

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 1. Be Timely

Should reference a story that ran in the last week or a current event. Try to include this in the first or second sentence.

### 2. Establish Your Credibility

You are a community leader.

### 3. KISS

Keep it short and sweet. Usually, these are 100-200 words. Most papers have guidelines posted on their website.

### 4. Include the lawmaker's name

Perfect way to get their attention. You may even want to email a copy of your letter to their office.

# 5. Tell others how to get involved If appropriate.

### 6. Consider the geography

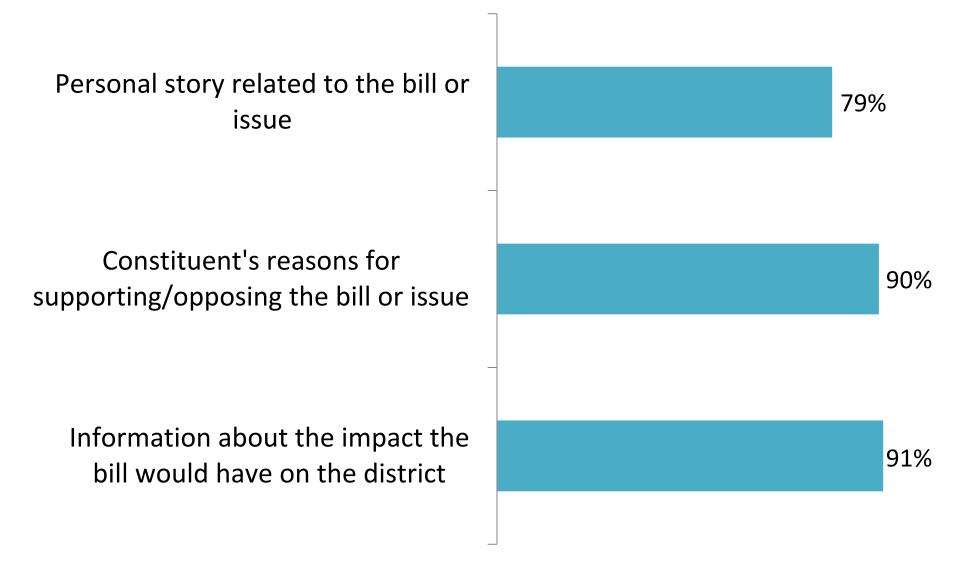
Why should your particular community care?

### 7. Be Strategic

Smaller publications are easier to get published in; if addressing a lawmakers, make sure it's in a paper in their district

# **Survey Question**

"How helpful is it for messages from constituents to include the following?"



# STAY UPDATED & LEARN MORE

### STAYING UPDATED

- AAFB ADVOCACY UPDATES
   Every other Thursday
- 2. AAFB ADVOCACY CALLS Every other Friday
- 3. AAFB ADVOCACY WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

# **QUESTIONS**

# **COMMIT TO ACTION**