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Representative Steve Montenegro on SCOTUS Decision Allowing Texas Police to Arrest Illegal Aliens

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Arizona State Representative Steve Montenegro issued a statement following today’s decision by the United States Supreme Court allowing a recently enacted Texas law to remain in effect permitting police to arrest and detain illegal immigrants. Representative Montenegro commends the Supreme Court’s action and views Texas’s law as an example for states like Arizona which are striving to reclaim control over their borders amidst deliberate federal inaction by the Biden administration.

Representative Montenegro is the sponsor of a House bill, [HB 2821](#), modeled after the Texas law. Democrat Governor Hobbs recently vetoed the Senate version of this bill, SB 1231, sponsored by Senator Janae Shamp, on an unfounded claim it would be “unconstitutional,” an assessment contradicted by today’s Court decision.

“The federal government’s deliberate refusal to secure the border has left states like Arizona defenseless against the surging crisis of illegal immigration fueling rampant drug and human smuggling,” said Representative Montenegro. **“Today’s decision by the U.S. Supreme Court is a clear and significant victory for the rule of law, and it inspires hope for us in Arizona who firmly seek to uphold our sovereignty and protect our citizens. I am evaluating legislative options so that the Arizona Legislature can offer Governor Hobbs another opportunity to do the right thing for Arizona.”**

Steve Montenegro is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 29 in West Phoenix & Surprise and is Chairman of the House Health & Human Services Committee. Follow him on X/Twitter at @SteveMontenegro.

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