

WE'VE BEEN MAKING AN IMPACT IN ARIZONA



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JOB KILLERS



Arizona's pro-growth legislative majorities existed with incredibly slim margins prior to the 2024 election.

With only one vote to spare in each chamber, big government, anti-free enterprise political forces made Arizona a top target to change the political tide. CSI Arizona developed an analysis of bills that would hurt economic growth and personal prosperity. In partnership with the Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry, CSI Arizona developed an annual "Job Killers" report, that evaluated the economic impact of bills that are annually introduced in the state legislature, but never become law due to the current, pro-growth leadership. This report was cited repeatedly throughout the election cycle in defense of the current majorities. As a result, Arizona's pro-growth majorities were not only protected, they were expanded.



SCHOOL CHOICE

At the start of the year, Governor Hobbs proposed sweeping changes to the Arizona ESA program that would have crippled growth and rolled back eligibility for thousands of students.

In response, CSI Arizona released a report on the accountability measures that already exist in the ESA program, and made recommendations about how policymakers could strengthen these while ensuring the program was easy for families to navigate. CSI Arizona also released a report revealing the facts about the demographics of families who use the program, which ran contrary to the popular narrative that this was only used by wealthy students. When the state budget was adopted this year, none of Gov. Hobbs' policy recommendations for the ESA program were included, several of CSI Arizona's were.



MINIMUM WAGE

Activists in the city of Glendale proposed a \$20/hour minimum wage for hotel and event space workers.

This wage would have doubled to \$40/hour if workers cleaned more than a specified square footage on any given day and would have established a new bureaucracy within the city to oversee the law. The proposal qualified for the ballot, and CSI Arizona released an analysis of the initiative that found it would cost the city between \$190 million and \$2 billion annually in reduced GDP. CSI Arizona had incredible media and public interest in this report, and the measure ultimately failed to pass.



HOMELESSNESS

CSI Arizona release an initial study on homelessness in Arizona in early 2024.

This study revealed that Arizona was spending \$1 billion annually to address the issue of homelessness, and that despite this investment, things were not improving. CSI Arizona was invited to testify in the state legislature on the findings of this report. Ultimately, the Arizona legislature referred a measure to the ballot to hold cities accountable for enforcing nuisance laws. CSI Arizona followed up with an analysis of the proposal, which found that areas of unmitigated nuisance and high crime in Phoenix lost \$2 billion in property value since 2019. Voter overwhelmingly passed the measure on election day, and CSI Arizona's data played a key role in the campaign in support of the measure.