



EZAZ.org Calls on Arizona Legislative Leadership to Discipline Legislators Who Vote to Bypass the Consent of the Governed

Without official public participation in a Legislative Committee, the People cannot consent to be governed.

Enshrined in our Arizona Constitution is the guarantee that "the right of petition, and of the people peaceably to assemble for the common good, shall never be abridged." Additionally, our founding documents declare, "all political power is inherent in the people, and governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and are established to protect and maintain individual rights."

The Committee process, a cornerstone of our Republican system of government, is the sole avenue for the esteemed citizens of our state to formally petition and peaceably assemble before our Legislature. It is through this process that we express our consent or opposition to the bills under consideration.

As the Arizona Supreme Court Justices wisely stated, the People are in the best position to decide the emotionally charged issue of life and the final decision on abortion. Further, there is no emergency needing to be dealt with as the Justices remanded the issue back to the lower court, allowing the parties to have a stay with legal abortion continuing. No law passed in Regular Session by the Legislature will go into effect until 90 days after the session ends.

Thus, without in-person public comment before a body of the Legislature, such as a committee, there is no consent by the People.

While the members of EZAZ.org may vary in our positions on life and abortion, we are unified in our insistence that no bill shall bypass the opportunity for the people to address our legislators in a formal, in-person committee process.

In light of legislators declaring to bypass the Regular Order of the Committee process in their push for a repeal of the 1977 Democrat Abortion Ban, EZAZ.org, with a near-unanimous vote of our official membership, calls on Speaker Ben Toma and Senate President Warren Petersen to take disciplinary action against these legislators.

We respectfully request all members who do so lose all of the following as it applies to each legislator:

- Leadership Role
- Chairmanship
- Committee Positions
- Office
- Parking Space
- Staff Support

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