



March 22, 2011

Honorable Members
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: VOTE “YES” ON SCR 1028: PAYCHECK DEDUCTIONS; POLITICAL PURPOSES; REQUIREMENT

Dear Representative:

The 7,500 Arizona small business members of the National Federation of Independent Business urge you to vote “yes” on **Senate Concurrent Resolution 1028** which would ask Arizona voters to amend the Arizona Constitution to recognize employees’ fundamental right to protect their paychecks from politics.

SCR 1028, introduced by Senator Frank Antenori and 43 co-sponsors, states:

“An employee in this state shall be free from any employer deducting or facilitating the deduction of a payment from an employee's paycheck for political purposes, unless the employee annually provides express written permission to make the deduction.”

The language is fair, reasonable and straight-forward—precisely the qualities of a constitutional amendment that the Arizona electorate rewards with their votes. **SCR 1028** places its focus where it belongs, on the right of Arizona workers to decide whether they wish to participate in political activities.

By seeking a ballot referendum, proponents of this fundamental employee right embrace the clarity required in a single-subject constitutional proposition. **SCR 1028** does not discriminate between management and labor by treating the political fundraising of each differently. Moreover, **SCR 1028** does not invite the legitimate charge of political favoritism by denying this amendment’s constitutional protections to one or more groups of employees.

Thank you for considering small business’ support for **SCR 1028** as you decide the fate of this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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