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Sen. Kelly Was A Navy Combat Pilot Who Flew During Operation Desert Storm And A NASA Astronaut Who Flew Four Missions To The International Space Station. "Kelly flew combat missions for the Navy during Operation Desert Storm before becoming a test pilot and later an astronaut. He flew four missions to the International Space Station." [Associated Press, [11/4/20](#)]

Sen. Kelly's Parents Both Served As Police Officers. "The son of two police officers, Kelly is a retired astronaut who flew four space missions, including spending time aboard the International Space Station. He was also a Navy pilot who flew combat missions during Operation Desert Storm in the early 1990s." [Associated Press, [12/2/20](#)]

MARK KELLY'S VOTE FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN CUT TAXES ON 790,000 ARIZONA FAMILIES, HELPED PARENTS PAY FOR BILLS, FOOD, AND OTHER BASIC NECESSITIES.

Sen. Kelly's Vote For The American Rescue Plan Delivered Child Tax Credit Checks To 790,000 Arizona Families, Helping More Than 1.3 Million Arizona Children. "They have also provided a crucial tax cut for those with children, which enables them to spend more of their hard-earned money providing for their families. Since the passage of the American Rescue Plan, more than 790,000 Arizona families are already receiving Child Tax Credit checks — that's more than 1.3 million Arizona children. If you're an eligible family, you can sign up for monthly payments at [ChildTaxCredit.gov](#). I highly recommend that families here in Arizona take advantage of this major tax cut." [AZMirror, [9/17/21](#)]

Mark Kelly works with Democrats and Republicans to cut costs for Arizona families: lowering prescription drug costs and creating better-paying jobs with investments in renewable energy and apprenticeship programs for Arizonans without a four-year college degree. He has been rated the most bipartisan freshman Senator in Washington.

MARK KELLY SECURED A DEAL TO REDUCE DRUG PRICES AND LOWER MEDICARE OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS FOR ARIZONA SENIORS

HEADLINE: Arizona Senator Mark Kelly Signs Deal Lowering The Price Of Prescription Drugs. [12News, [11/3/21](#)]

Sen. Kelly Helped Negotiate A Provision In The Build Back Better Plan That Would Cap The Cost Of Prescription Drugs For Medicare Recipients At \$2,000 Per Year And Cap Insulin Pricing At \$35 Per Month. "The prescription-drug plan came about after lengthy negotiations, especially in the past week, that involved Sinema, Kelly, the White House and others in Congress...The plan would limit out-of-pocket costs to Medicare patients, though it would provide only limited authority for the government to leverage its buying power to lower pharmaceutical prices. Under the deal, the government can negotiate prices on the 10 priciest drugs that are commonly prescribed, which includes some medicine for cancer patients." [Arizona Central, [11/02/21](#)]

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MARK KELLY SUPPORTS INVESTMENT IN THE RENEWABLE ENERGY ECONOMY AND JOBS

HEADLINE: Senators Kelly And Sinema Take Victory Lap Over Infrastructure Bill [KOLD, [11/08/21](#)]

Sen. Kelly Visited Technicians For Sustainability, A Solar And Renewable Energy Company In Tucson That Benefited From The Infrastructure Bill. "Arizona Senator Mark Kelly, celebrating the Democrats win on its \$1.2 trillion dollar infrastructure plan, spent part of it at a Tucson company which will benefit from the plan. Technicians for Sustainability, an employee owned company, is one of the largest and most successful solar and renewable energy companies in Tucson. 'It does a lot of good for the community and it gets us moving towards renewable energy which I really care about,' said Kelly after his tour. He was impressed how far solar technology has come and how much the cost has dropped as a result of the technology." [KOLD, [11/08/21](#)]

During A Visit To Technicians For Sustainability, A Solar And Renewable Energy Company In Tucson Sen. Kelly Commented That The Passage Of The Infrastructure Bill Was A "Huge Win For The Country." Kelly: "In the case of this infrastructure bill such a huge win for the country, really significant." [KOLD, [11/08/21](#)] (VIDEO)

Budd Foster, KOLD Host, Commented That Sen. Kelly Led Negotiations For The Infrastructure Bill And Highlighted Areas The Bill Would Affect, Including Helping Low-Income Families Afford Solar Energy. Budd Foster KOLD: "Kelly is one of the negotiators on the infrastructure plan as a member of the Committee on the Environment and Public Works. The infrastructure plan upgrades Arizona's roads, bridges, ports of entry, rural broadband internet, and all the state's airports. And it will make solar more affordable to low-income families who are now priced out of the market." [KOLD, [11/08/21](#)] (VIDEO)

Sen. Kelly On Build Back Better: "This Framework Will Address A Number Of Arizona Priorities, From Creating More Renewable Energy Jobs And Cutting Taxes For Middle-Class Families, To Lowering Costs For Health Care And Child Care." "Sen. Mark Kelly, D-Ariz., said the president's framework will help Arizona families recover from the pandemic and indicated his preference for including some type of action on prescription drugs. He has supported more aggressive steps than Sinema on that issue. 'This framework will address a number of Arizona priorities, from creating more renewable energy jobs and cutting taxes for middle class families, to lowering costs for health care and child care,' Kelly said in a written statement. 'Throughout this process, I have worked to make sure this bill is paid for and makes responsible investments to lower costs for Arizonans and support working families. 'As this legislation moves forward, I am continuing to talk with my colleagues to advocate for Arizona's priorities, including how we can lower the cost of prescription drugs for Arizona seniors. I'm encouraged as we take these important steps to rebuild and grow our economy as we emerge from this pandemic.'" [Arizona Republic, [10/28/21](#)]

MARK KELLY CO-SPONSORED LEGISLATION TO CREATE THE LARGEST SOLAR ELECTRICITY PRODUCING PROJECT IN THE COUNTRY IN LA PAZ COUNTY

HEADLINE: Bill Would Add More Land For Solar Power Development. [Parker Pioneer, [10/26/21](#)]

The Sen. Kelly's Co-Sponsored Bill, The La Paz County Solar Energy And Job Creation Act, Would Convey 4,800 Acres Of Federal Lands To The County For Solar Power Development. "The office of U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly, D-Ariz., wants to make La Paz County residents aware of a bill making its way through Congress that will affect our county. The La Paz County Solar Energy and Job Creation Act, S.528, was introduced by Arizona Senator Kyrsten Sinema on March 2. Kelly is one of the co-sponsors. If approved and

signed into law, the bill would convey 4,800 acres of federal lands to the county for solar power development.” [Parker Pioneer, [10/26/21](#)]

The Sen. Kelly’s Co-Sponsored Bill, The La Paz County Solar Energy and Job Creation Act, Directs The Department Of The Interior To Convey Approximately 4,800 Acres Of Identified Land Managed By The Bureau Of Land Management To The County. “This bill directs the Department of the Interior, after receiving a request from La Paz County, Arizona, to convey approximately 4,800 acres of identified land managed by the Bureau of Land Management to the county. Interior shall exclude from the conveyance any federal land that contains significant cultural, environmental, wildlife, or recreational resources.” [Parker Pioneer, [10/26/21](#)]

Sen. Kelly Said That He Introduced La Paz County Solar Energy and Job Creation Act Because It Could Lead To The Largest Solar Project In The Nation As Far As Producing Electricity. “A similar bill, H.R. 1499, is making its way through the U.S. House of Representatives. It has the same name as the Senate bill, and was also introduced on March 2. Its sponsor is Arizona Rep. Paul Gosar, a Republican whose district includes La Paz County. Three Arizona Republicans, Andy Biggs, David Schweikert and Debbie Lesko, are co-sponsors. In his remarks to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Kelly said he and Sinema said they had introduced the bill because it could lead to the largest solar project in the nation as far as producing electricity.” [Parker Pioneer, [10/26/21](#)]

MARK KELLY LED ON THE PASSAGE OF A \$50 BILLION INVESTMENT FOR MICROCHIP PRODUCTION, WHICH WILL CREATE HIGH PAYING JOBS FOR ARIZONANS...WHILE HE ALSO ESTABLISHED A PROGRAM TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES RECOVER FROM THE PANDEMIC

HEADLINE: U.S. Senators Close To Announcing \$52 Bln Chips Funding Deal -Sources. [Reuters, [5/14/21](#)]

Reuters On \$52-Billion Semiconductor Chip Proposal In The Senate: “Senators Mark Kelly, John Cornyn, Mark Warner and Tom Cotton Have Been Negotiating A Compromise Measure To Address The Issue In The Face Of Rising Chinese Semiconductor Production And Shortages Impacting Automakers and other U.S. industries.” “A group of U.S. senators are close to unveiling a \$52-billion proposal Friday that would significantly boost U.S. semiconductor chip production and research over five years sources briefed on the matter said. Senators Mark Kelly, John Cornyn, Mark Warner and Tom Cotton have been negotiating a compromise measure to address the issue in the face of rising Chinese semiconductor production and shortages impacting automakers and other U.S. industries.” [Reuters, [5/14/21](#)]

Sen. Kelly On Arizona’s Semiconductor Industry: “This Is Critical For Our National Security. But It’s Also A Great Opportunity For Our State As A Leader In This Industry Already, To Just Double Down On Arizona Being A Real Hub For Manufacturing Of These Critical Components.” “Arizona Sen. Mark Kelly told the Business Journal that the state can play a key part in bringing these chipmaking jobs back to America. ‘We’ve got an opportunity to grow the semiconductor sector in the state of Arizona,’ Kelly said in a Tuesday interview. ‘This is critical for our national security. But it’s also a great opportunity for our state as a leader in this industry already, to just double down on Arizona being a real hub for manufacturing of these critical components that go into so many things that we rely on every single day.’” [Phoenix Business Journal, [4/14/21](#)]

Kelly Joined A Bipartisan Group Of Senators And Representatives In Signing A Letter To President Biden Urging Him To Prioritize Funding American Chip Manufacturing Efforts. “On Monday Kelly joined a bipartisan group of senators and representatives in signing a letter to President Biden urging him to prioritize funding American chip manufacturing efforts. ‘The United States cannot wait to provide these resources over the years ahead,’ the letter read. ‘The halted production lines for consumer technology, auto manufacturers, truckers, and other critical industries due to a semiconductor shortage further highlights the pressing need to act quickly and fund the enacted bipartisan provisions.’ The signatories spanned the political spectrum from Elizabeth Warren to Marco Rubio, as well as Arizona Rep. Greg Stanton and Sen. Kyrsten Sinema.” [Phoenix Business Journal, [4/14/21](#)]

Sen. Kelly Led On The Passage Of the United States Innovation And Competition Act, A \$52 Billion Investment That Includes \$39 Billion In Grant Incentives For Construction Or Expansion Of Microchip Fabrication Plants. “Focused on the urgency of this economic and national security situation and fueled by bipartisan cooperation, the U.S. Senate recently passed the United States Innovation and Competition Act, a \$52 billion investment that includes \$39 billion in grant incentives for construction or expansion of microchip fabrication plants, \$10.5 billion for research and development and \$2 billion to support the needs of the Department of Defense through research, testing and workforce development in coordination with industry and universities. It is no accident that Arizona’s two U.S senators, Mark Kelly and Kyrsten Sinema, were among the 68 members who helped make this happen, with freshman Sen. Kelly being particularly tenacious in the details of this complex legislation. Their leadership on this front is not only important to the country, it is also driven by what they know is an opportunity for Arizona. Businesses will make investments, supply chains will follow the investment, well-paying jobs will be produced with ripple effects through local and regional economies, and a new talent pipeline will be created that will turn to universities for an educated and skilled workforce.” [Op-Ed, Arizona Republic, [6/23/21](#)]

HEADLINE: Sen. Kelly Sees Technology Driving Arizona’s Economic Future. [KTAR, [5/20/21](#)]

Sen. Kelly On Microchip Production In Arizona: “It’s Critical To Our National Security, But It’s Great-Paying Jobs In The State Of Arizona.” “Computer chips may be tiny, but U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly of Arizona is convinced they will be big part of the state’s future. Kelly is pushing support of bipartisan legislation introduced by fellow Arizona Sen. Kyrsten Sinema and others that seeks to invest about \$50 billion to enhance semiconductor chip production and research in the country. And Arizona is on the brink of becoming a serious producer of those chips. ‘We are poised to be one of the leaders not only in the country, but possibly in the world, if we can get some legislation,’ Kelly told KTAR News 92.3 FM’s Arizona’s Morning News on Thursday. ‘We intend to get this Chips Act passed. ‘It’s critical to our national security, but it’s great-paying jobs in the state of Arizona.’” [KTAR, [5/20/21](#)]

Senator Kelly Designed A Program To Help Small Businesses Recover From The Pandemic, Which Won \$100 Million Under The American Rescue Plan. “The United States Small Business Administration (SBA) is launching a new grant program that was crafted by Sen. Mark Kelly. There’s \$100 million set aside in President Biden’s ‘American Rescue Plan.’” [KYMA, [5/27/21](#)]

MARK KELLY PUSHED TO INCLUDE HIGH-QUALITY JOB TRAINING AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN THE BUDGET RECONCILIATION BILL

Sen. Kelly Signed A Letter With Fourteen Other Senators Urging President Biden To Include High-Quality, Short-Term Job Training Programs That Meet Local Industry Need In The Build Back Better Plan. “The Build Back Better plan and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act are inextricably linked. We need workforce investments to achieve a truly inclusive economic recovery for all workers from COVID-19 that will help the U.S. compete globally,’ wrote the Senators. ‘Construction, manufacturing, and infrastructure industries were facing shortages of skilled workers even before the pandemic, and demand for workers has only grown with impending infrastructure investments and as local areas are able to reinvest in capital projects previously put on hold because of the pandemic,’ they continued. ‘The Build Back Better plan gives us a chance to build a workforce with the skills to match the jobs that we will create with this once-in-a-generation investment in our infrastructure.’” [Press Release, Senator Tim Kaine, [10/22/21](#)]

- **Sen. Kelly Co-Signed: “We Believe That Investing In Workforce Development, Registered Apprenticeship Programs, And Training Programs At Community Colleges Is Crucial To Helping American Families.”** “We understand there are many important priorities under consideration in the Build Back Better plan. We believe that investing in workforce development, registered apprenticeship programs, and training programs at community colleges is crucial to helping American families. As we work to create a Build Back Better package, we urge you to invest in our workforce at a scale that lives up to the commitment we made to workers and businesses across our nation. We must make these

investments a central pillar of Build Back Better legislation in order to achieve an inclusive economic recovery for all.” [Press Release, Senator Tim Kaine, [10/22/21](#)]

President Biden’s Build Back Better Framework Would “Create Sector-Based Training Opportunity With In-Demand Training For At Least Hundreds Of Thousands Of Workers, And Invest In Proven Approaches Like Registered Apprenticeships And Programs.” “The framework will help more people access quality training that leads to good, union, and middle-class jobs. It will enable community colleges to train hundreds of thousands of students, create sector-based training opportunity with in-demand training for at least hundreds of thousands of workers, and invest in proven approaches like Registered Apprenticeships and programs to support underserved communities. The framework will increase the Labor Department’s annual spending on workforce development by 50% for each of the next 5 years.” [The White House, President Biden Announces the Build Back Better Framework, [10/28/21](#)]

MARK KELLY WAS RATED THE MOST BIPARTISAN FRESHMAN SENATOR IN WASHINGTON

HEADLINE: By The Numbers: The Most Bipartisan Freshmen. [Axios, [5/20/21](#)]

May 2021: An Analysis By Quorum Showed That Sen. Kelly Was The Most Bipartisan Senate Democratic Freshman, With 28.3% Of His Bills Being Co-Sponsored By Republicans. “The top five most bipartisan freshman members of Congress, based on the number of bills they’ve co-sponsored having opposite-party sponsors, are all House Republicans, data collected by Quorum reveals. By the numbers: Rep. Young Kim (R-Calif.) takes the lead with 58.57% of her co-sponsorships linked to bills written by Democrats. Sen. Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.) is the most bipartisan Senate Democratic freshman, at 28.3%, and Rep. Kaiiali’i Kahele (D-Hawaii) leads House Democratic freshmen, at 8.1%.” [Axios, [5/20/21](#)]

March 2021: Sen. Kelly Co-Sponsored The Jumpstart Our Businesses By Supporting Students Act of 2021 Or The JOBS Act of 2021, Legislation To Expand Student Eligibility For Pell Grants By Establishing The Job Training Federal Pell Grant Program. “Introduced in Senate (03/18/2021) Jumpstart Our Businesses by Supporting Students Act of 2021 or the JOBS Act of 2021 This bill expands student eligibility for Pell Grants by establishing the Job Training Federal Pell Grant program. Specifically, the bill requires the Department of Education to award a job training Pell Grant to a student who does not have a degree; attends an institution of higher education (IHE); is enrolled in a career and technical education program at an IHE that provides 150 to 600 clock hours of instructional time over a period of 8 to 15 weeks and provides training aligned with high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors (i.e., job training programs); and meets all other eligibility requirements for a Pell Grant. It also specifies that any period during which a student receives a job training Pell Grant counts toward that student’s Pell Grant eligibility period.” [Congress.gov, 117th Congress [3/18/21](#)]

April 2021: Sen. Kelly Co-Sponsored The STEM RESTART ACT, Legislation That Establishes New National Program To Support Mid-Career Workers In Reentering the S.T.E.M., (Science, Technology, Engineering, And Mathematics), Workforce. Senator Kelly was an original cosponsor of, “STEM Restoring Employment Skills through Targeted Assistance, Re-entry, and Training Act or the STEM RESTART Act This bill establishes a new national program to support mid-career workers in reentering the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) workforce, including workers from underrepresented or rural populations, by awarding grants to certain small- and medium-sized businesses to assist such workers in reentering the workforce at positions above entry level.” The bill had 2 bipartisan cosponsors, and is in committee. [S 1297, [4/21/21](#)]

Mark Kelly refuses donations from corporate Political Action Committees because he works for Arizonans, not corporate special interests, and makes his official Senate schedule public showing Arizonans who he is meeting with and why. Unlike most people in Washington, Senator Kelly is transparent and accountable to the Arizonans he represents, not big donors.

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Kelly In October 2019: “When I Announced That I Was Going To Run For The United States Senate Last February, One Of The First Things I Said Is We've Got To Get Corporate Money Out Of Politics, So I'm Not Going To Take Any Corporate Political Action Committee Money.” Kelly said on Good Morning Arizona, “Corporate money in politics is always an issue in campaigns across the country, it will be here as well. That's why I'm not taking any corporate PAC money, not true of my opponent. When I announced that I was going to run for the United States Senate last February, one of the first things I said is we've got to get corporate money out of politics, so I'm not going to take any corporate political action committee money, and when that comes from whether it's the gun lobby, whether it's big pharma, oil companies, it makes it so much more difficult for U.S. Senators to solve these problems.” [Good Morning Arizona, [10/24/19](#)] (VIDEO)

MARK KELLY MAKES HIS OFFICIAL SENATE SCHEDULE PUBLIC, SHOWING ARIZONANS WHO HE IS MEETING WITH AND WHY

The Arizona Republic In December 2020: “Kelly, D-Ariz., Also Released The First Of His Weekly Schedules On His Senate Website Friday, Marking His Early Efforts To Fulfill His Campaign Pledge Of Informing Arizonans Who He Is Meeting With And How He Is Spending His Time.” “As his offices in Arizona and Washington, D.C., begin to take shape, Kelly, D-Ariz., also released the first of his weekly schedules on his Senate website Friday, marking his early efforts to fulfill his campaign pledge of informing Arizonans who he is meeting with and how he is spending his time.” [Arizona Republic, [12/4/20](#)]

HEADLINE: Senate candidate Mark Kelly says he'd release schedule details [Tucson.com. [6/24/19](#)]

June 2019: Senate Candidate Mark Kelly Committed To Releasing His Public Schedule As Senator, Commenting, “I Want Arizonans To Know That I Am There Serving Them.” “Senate candidate Mark Kelly from Arizona said Tuesday that he'll join a handful of senators who publicly release their official schedules, claiming it would help show he's accountable to voters. ‘I want Arizonans to know that I am there serving them,’ the Democrat and former astronaut said. Kelly said he intends to post his schedules online the next day. They'll show meetings and phone calls in Washington and Arizona that pertain to official business, but he won't report family or campaign events. He said in February he would reject money from corporate political action committees. Sens. Jon Tester, D-Montana; Kirsten Gillibrand, D-New York; and Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, all regularly release at least a portion of their schedules, though they often include blocks of time that are unaccounted for.” [Tucson.com, [6/24/19](#)]

Seniors have been paying into Medicare their entire lives; Mark Kelly sides with seniors, not big drug companies, and is fighting to cut costs for seniors by expanding Medicare and allowing Medicare to negotiate lower drug costs.

MARK KELLY SECURED A DEAL TO REDUCE DRUG PRICES AND LOWER MEDICARE OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS FOR ARIZONA SENIORS

HEADLINE: Arizona Senator Mark Kelly Signs Deal Lowering The Price Of Prescription Drugs. [12News, [11/3/21](#)]

12News: “Senator Mark Kelly Signed A Deal That Would Lower Prescription Drug Prices For Older Americans.” “Senator Mark Kelly signed a deal that would lower prescription drug prices for older Americans. The deal would allow the government to negotiate prices.” [12News, [11/3/21](#)]

KTAR: “Arizona’s Other U.S. Senator, Democrat Mark Kelly, Said Lowering Prescription Drug Prices Was One Of His Top Priorities. He Said He’s Been Working On The Plan With The White House And Colleagues In Both Chambers Of Congress For The Past Week.” “Arizona’s other U.S. Senator, Democrat

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Sen. Kelly Praised The Deal To Lower Prescription Drug Costs, Highlighting That The Issue Had Been A Priority During His Time In The Senate And During His 2020 Senate Campaign. "Kelly, who made the issue of prescription-drug prices a major focus of his campaign, called the deal a "big win" for the elderly. 'Lowering the cost of prescription drugs has been one of my top priorities in the Senate, and I've been working on it over the past week with my colleagues in the Senate, House, and the White House,'" Kelly said in a written statement. "We've now reached an agreement that will drive down prescription drug prices, lower out-of-pocket costs for seniors, and prevent price gouging. This will be a big win for Arizona seniors and I'll keep working to get it over the finish line.'" [Arizona Central, [11/02/21](#)]

MARK KELLY SUPPORTS EXPANDING MEDICARE TO HEARING COVERAGE

The Arizona Daily Star's Tim Steller Highlighted That Sen. Kelly Supported Giving Medicare The Ability To Negotiate Prescription Drug Prices, Expanding Medicare Coverage To Dental And Other Services, And Extending A Path To Citizenship For DACA Recipients. "Now, it's worth mentioning Sen. Mark Kelly here — the other Democratic U.S. senator from Arizona, who has not had so much attention. He has also avoided taking some stands on important issues. But on some of these planks of the reconciliation bill, he's stated his stand. On giving Medicare the ability to negotiate prescription drug prices, on expanding Medicare coverage to dental and other services, on extending a path to citizenship for DACA recipients, he's a clear yes. He's also voiced some opposition to the Trump tax cuts, some of which could be reversed under the Biden proposal. But of course Kelly has not been at the center of negotiations or a leading critic of the reconciliation bill, as Sinema has." [Tucson.com, [10/7/21](#)]

March 2020: Senate Candidate Mark Kelly Supported The Proposal Passed By House Of Representatives To Place A \$2,000 Cap On Drug Costs For Seniors On Medicare And Imposes More Aggressive Controls On Drug Prices. "Democrats are pushing for a House-passed measure that has a \$2,000 cap on drug costs for seniors on Medicare and imposes more aggressive controls on drug prices. Kelly has supported the Democratic drug-pricing legislation, which has not advanced in the Republican-led Senate." [Associated Press, [3/5/20](#)]

Arizona's future depends on access to water. Mark Kelly broke through Washington's gridlock, working with Democrats and Republicans to pass a major infrastructure bill with Arizona's priorities, including fixing the state's roads and bridges, upgrading its water systems to make the state more resilient to drought, and expanding access to high-speed internet.

MARK KELLY LED ON THE PASSAGE OF A BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT THAT WILL MAKE IMPROVEMENTS FOR ARIZONA BY INCREASING HIGH SPEED INTERNET ACCESS, ADDRESSING DROUGHT AND WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT, AND UPGRADING ROADS, BRIDGES, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND PORTS OF ENTRY

HEADLINE: Sen. Kelly Secures Key Arizona Priorities In Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation. [Gila Herald, [8/10/21](#)]

Sen. Kelly On The Infrastructure Deal: "This Legislation Is The Product Of Working Together, Republicans And Democrats, To Find Common Ground And Work Out Our Differences, And The Result Is Going To Be Historic Investments That Create High-Paying Jobs And Bring Our Economy Into The Future." "As water levels fall in Lakes Mead and Powell and fires burn across our state and the West, I

worked to include priorities that will make our state more resilient to drought and wildfires,' Kelly's statement said. 'This legislation is the product of working together, Republicans and Democrats, to find common ground and work out our differences, and the result is going to be historic investments that create high-paying jobs and bring our economy into the future.'" [Arizona Republic, [8/10/21](#)]

Sen. Kelly On The Infrastructure Deal: "Arizonans In Every Corner Of Our State Are Going To Benefit From These Investments, From Expanded High-Speed Internet Access, To Improved Roads And Transit Options, To Better Security And Shorter Wait Times At Our Ports Of Entry." "Sen. Mark Kelly, D-Ariz., also was part of the bipartisan working group of 22 senators that negotiated the bill. His focus, in part, centered on the bill's investments to improve power grids, Western water systems, ports of entry and wildfire prevention. 'Arizonans in every corner of our state are going to benefit from these investments, from expanded high-speed internet access, to improved roads and transit options, to better security and shorter wait times at our ports of entry,' Kelly said in a written statement." [Arizona Republic, [8/10/21](#)]

HEADLINE: High-Speed Internet. Road Upgrades. Electric Vehicle Chargers. What The Infrastructure Bill Could Mean For Arizonans [Arizona Republic, [8/5/21](#)]

The Arizona Republic On The Infrastructure Bill: "Arizona Could Receive At Minimum \$5 Billion And Another \$225 Million To Repair Roads And Bridges Over Five Years." "Repairs to roads and bridges Arizona has 132 bridges and more than 3,100 miles of highway in poor condition. Commute times in the state have increased by 11% since 2011 and, on average, drivers pay \$614 a year in costs from driving on roads that need repairs. Based on formula funding alone, Arizona could receive at minimum \$5 billion and another \$225 million to repair roads and bridges over five years. On top of that, the state could compete for a lot more money for major roadway projects or to improve 'economically significant bridges.'" [Arizona Republic, [8/5/21](#)]

The Arizona Republic Highlighted That The Infrastructure Bill Would Provide Arizona With At Least \$100 Million To Broaden Broadband Coverage Across The State, Including Providing Access To At Least 353,000 Residents Who Do Not Have It. "Connections to high-speed internet The package aims to make broadband more accessible and affordable for rural and low-income families, an issue that has taken on greater urgency in recent years for federal, state, local and tribal officials in Arizona. About 13% of Arizona households don't have internet, and 5% of Arizonans live in areas where there is no broadband infrastructure. Even where that infrastructure is available, broadband could be too costly. Arizona would receive at least \$100 million to broaden broadband coverage across the state, including providing access to at least 353,000 residents who do not have it. Under the legislation, an estimated 1.8 million Arizonans would be eligible for a program to help low-income families afford internet access." [Arizona Republic, [8/5/21](#)]

The Arizona Republic Highlighted That The Infrastructure Bill Contained \$3.2 Billion For The Maintenance Of Water Infrastructure Projects Across The Western United States And Would Fully Fund More Than 150 Projects In Arizona And The Greater Yuma Region. "Updates to aging dams, canals, aqueducts and pumping plants The bill contains \$3.2 billion for the maintenance of water infrastructure projects across the Western U.S in need of major upgrades or replacement. The legislation would fully fund more than 150 projects in Arizona and the greater Yuma region." [Arizona Republic, [8/5/21](#)]

HEADLINE: Kelly Addresses Pain Of Central Arizona Farmers In Hearing On Drought. [Pinal Central, [10/8/21](#)]

Sen. Kelly On The Drought In The West During Senate Subcommittee Hearing: "The Effects Of The Drought Are Made Worse By Climate Change. Arizona Is On The Frontlines Of This Megadrought, But This Affects 40 Million Americans." "At the start of a subcommittee hearing on drought he chaired, U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly, D-Ariz., recited the old Arizona saying, 'Whiskey is for drinking, water is for fighting.' The subcommittee on Wednesday heard testimony from several experts in conservation and ranching as Kelly and the panel discussed what Congress and federal agencies can and should do to protect water resources in the drought-stricken Southwest. 'Water has always been a limited resource in the Southwest,' Kelly said. 'The effects of the drought are made worse by climate change. Arizona is on the frontlines of this megadrought, but this affects 40 million Americans.'" [Pinal Central, [10/8/21](#)]

Sen. Kelly Highlighted Fish, Wildfires, Agriculture And Hydropower As Areas Threatened By Drought And The Cause Of Historic Low Water Levels In Lake And Lake Powell. “Kelly mentioned fish and wildlife, wildfires, agriculture and even hydropower as areas threatened now and in the future by drought, which has caused reservoirs like Lake Mead and Lake Powell to decline to historic lows.” [Pinal Central, [10/8/21](#)]

Sen. Kelly Highlighted That Over Three Billion Dollars In Infrastructure Spending Would Go Ports Of Entry And Called For Better Technology, More Staffing And More Immigration Judges At The Border. “Over at the border, Kelly solidified three billion dollars, which will go to the port of entries, including the one in San Luis. ‘Once that project is underway, that’ll be pretty obvious.’ The senator says the ports need better technology, more staffing, and immigration judges. Sen. Kelly hopes it will increase commerce across the border and better the economy in Arizona. He tells KYMA funds will also be used to repair and upgrade roads and bridges across the state.” [KYMA, [8/9/21](#)]

The Arizona Republic Highlighted That The Infrastructure Bill Included \$800 Million For Drought Management. “The legislation includes \$250 million to fully fund the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan, the blueprint for shortage sharing built around water levels in Lake Mead, the giant reservoir on the Arizona-Nevada border that has sunk to near-record low levels after decades of drought. The bill provides another \$50 million for drought mitigation related to Lake Powell and the Upper Basin of the Colorado River. The bill also contains \$500 million for the Western Area Power Administration, which provides electrical power in 15 states, to recover losses from declining hydropower generation at Hoover Dam, Glen Canyon Dam and Parker-Davis Dam due to drought. A high water mark is visible on the shoreline of Lake Mead at Hoover Dam.” [Arizona Republic, [8/5/21](#)]

October 2021: Sen. Kelly Visited The White Mountains To Discuss Rural Infrastructure Issues Including Wildfire Mitigation With Local Officials. “Kelly came to the White Mountains to talk to mayors, city officials and city managers about infrastructure issues that affect rural Arizona. Kelly is one of the 22 members of the Senate bipartisan group that reached a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure agreement, now called the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. He was part of working groups of senators to draft specific portions of the legislation, including those focusing on water and power infrastructure, superfunds and brownfields, permitting and wildfire mitigation.” [White Mountain Independent, [10/15/21](#)]

- **Kelly Talked To City Officials In Show Low About Issues Including Renewing The Four Forest Restoration Initiative Which Would Help Mitigate Wildfires.** “I talked to mayors and about 10 city managers at Show Low City Council Chambers,’ he said. ‘We talked about water, water settlements, water infrastructure and drought, and what it means for farmers and ranchers. We also talked about 4FRI (Four Forest Restoration Initiative), which has not gone as any of us had hoped. That contract got cancelled, and what does that mean for rehabbing the forests, which is connected to preventing wildfires? We had the worst wildfire season on record in Arizona this year, and we’ve got to get the 4FRI contract done. We’ve got to restore these forests to what they were like a couple hundred years ago.” [White Mountain Independent, [10/15/21](#)]

The Arizona Republic Highlighted That The Infrastructure Bill Provided \$2.5 Billion To Fully Pay For Enacted Indian Water Rights Settlements, Including Settlements For The Gila River Indian Community, The Tohono O'odham Nation And The White Mountain Apache Tribe. “Indian water rights settlements The bill provides \$2.5 billion to fully pay for enacted Indian water rights settlements that have for years been waiting on Congress for the funding to complete related tribal water infrastructure projects. The funding includes settlements for the Gila River Indian Community, the Tohono O'odham Nation and the White Mountain Apache Tribe. A key challenge facing new settlements, according to congressional researchers, is the availability of federal funds to implement ongoing and future agreements.” [Arizona Republic, [8/5/21](#)]