



## House Expels Rep. Harris, Senator leaves to Run for Congress

<p><b>HR2003 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</b></p> <p>Liz Harris; expulsion</p>	<p><b>VOTING: 01:40</b></p>	<p>Ayes <span style="color: green;">46</span></p> <p>Nays <span style="color: red;">13</span></p> <p>Not Voting <span style="color: black;">1</span></p> <p>Excused <span style="color: black;">0</span></p> <p>Vacant <span style="color: black;">0</span></p>																																																													
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Hi all!

It was an interesting week at the Arizona Legislature; two legislators left the body for vastly different reasons. Senator Raquel T3ran stepped down to run for Congress and the Arizona House of Representatives voted 46-13-1 to expel Representative Liz Harris. Harris had invited a wild conspiracy proponent to speak to a committee where she slandered a fairly large group of people, and then Rep. Harris lied to the House Ethics Committee about her actions. With this expulsion, the majority Republicans in the House have only 30 members, which is not enough to pass a bill without some Democratic support. That is, at least in part, why the Legislature has adjourned until Tuesday, April 25th when I expect they hope to be back to full strength.

The Governor has been keeping her veto stamp inked up and ready to go and this week again vetoed several bills. Those vetoes included the vetoing of [HB2415 active early voting lists; removal](#) (Biasiucci: Bliss, Carbone, et al.). It would have removed voters from the active early voting list if they did not vote early in one election cycle. This would have resulted in the purging of a lot of voters and ultimately lower voter turnout. Read her veto letter [here](#).

**[Please thank Governor Hobbs for vetoing HB2415.](#)**

There are still a large number of bad bills in the mix, so please continue to take action.

Send a message to your representatives and ask them to oppose the [strike-everything amendment](#) on SB1278. SB1278 would take away local control on a number of health and safety issues relating to home appliances and would limit local leaders' ability to establish local building code provisions related to affordability, energy, and public health.

**[Please tell your Arizona representatives to vote NO on SB1278.](#)**

The following transportation bills are likely to be considered in the Arizona House when they come back on April 25th. Please let your legislators know you think it is a bad idea to interfere with efforts to reduce traffic and promote transit and biking.

**[Please contact your representatives and ask them to oppose SB1312, SB1313, SB1314, and SCR1018.](#)**

There are several bills to prohibit consideration of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors when deciding on state investments still moving in the Arizona House.

**[Please ask your representatives to oppose SB1139 and SB1500!](#)**

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Take Action!

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To review bills we are tracking, [go to this link](#).

**For more information, reach out to Sandy Bahr at [sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org](mailto:sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org).**

Because the Legislature is out next week, we are providing information on a few Earth Day events below, as well as on how you can help support a national monument proposal. See below for more information!

Many thanks for taking action!

All the best,



Sandy Bahr  
Chapter Director  
Sierra Club - Grand Canyon Chapter

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**Coming Up This Week!**



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Historic Capitol courtesy of Sandy Bahr

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### **Saturday, April 22nd, Earth Day, 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Join Chispa Arizona for its Earth Day Festival '23 at El Reposo Park to foster collaboration and community spirit and share information and activities for children.**

[RSVP here.](#)

### **Saturday, April 22nd, Earth Day, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Check out the Climate Summit hosted by AZ AANHPI for Equity at the Nina Mason Pulliam Audubon Center.**

[RSVP here.](#)

**And now for some great news and an action you can take. On Tuesday, the Grand Canyon Tribal Council announced that they are asking President Biden to establish Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument to protect just over one million acres of lands adjacent to Grand Canyon National Park.**

**Baaj Nwaavjo means “where tribes roam” for the Havasupai Tribe, and I'tah Kukveni means “our footprints” for the Hopi Tribe.**

[Support this effort by taking action here.](#)

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