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Representative David Cook to Lead Bipartisan Legislative Delegation to Brazil to Promote State Trade & Economic Ties

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative David Cook (R-7) announced today that he will be lead a bipartisan delegation of state legislators in travel to Brazil December 5-9, meeting with business and trade leaders in order to help strengthen Arizona’s trade partnerships, domestic defense measures, and international commerce. Delegation members also include Senator-elect Catherine Miranda (D-11), Representative-elect Matt Gress (R-4), and Senator-elect Brian Fernandez (D-23).

“South American countries such as Brazil are significantly important to the global market and to states such as ours,” said Representative David Cook. **“It’s important for state leaders to continually look for opportunities to increase trade and jobs to benefit Arizona’s labor market. I am proud to lead along with other elected officials in a bipartisan delegation to strengthen our economic and political ties with Brazil, a prominent trade partner, and to investigate ways we can continue to keep Arizona’s economic successes on track and expanding.”**

“Trade partnerships fuel our economic growth,” said Senator-elect Catherine Miranda. **“The United States is one of Brazil’s best trading partners. I look forward to maintaining trade relations with delegates in Brazil that can help enhance Arizona’s economy.”**

“The success of Arizona’s economy is tied to the strength of our relationships with international partners,” said Representative-elect Matt Gress. **“I appreciate Representative Cook’s vision in leading a bipartisan delegation of Arizona legislators to Brazil as we forge new opportunities for commerce and exchange unique, innovative ideas that contribute to mutual prosperity.”**

“We should be looking to friendly trading partners in our hemisphere to grow Arizona’s international footprint,” said Senator-elect Brian Fernandez. **“I look forward to working with leaders both in and out of the Brazilian government to demonstrate the diversity and strength of our state’s economy.”**

Brazil is Arizona's 9th largest import partner, with imports totaling \$707 million in 2021. Its large and diverse emerging economy is 3rd largest in the Americas, with major sectors that include natural resources, services, agriculture, and manufacturing. Arizona currently exports more than \$377 million in goods to Brazil each year.

Arizona and Brazil have sought to increase their economic and political relations in recent years. In February, the state hosted meetings with Nestor Forster, Brazil's Ambassador to the United States, who advocated for increased business and trade partnerships.

David Cook is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 7, which includes areas of Gila, Coconino, Navajo, Mohave and Apache Counties. Follow him on Twitter at @RepDavidCook.

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