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House Passes Rep. Leo Biasiucci's HB2165 to Reform SNAP and Promote Healthy Arizona Families

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative Leo Biasiucci announced today the successful passage of [HB2165](#) through the Arizona House. The bill, which advances a practical reform to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), directs the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) to seek a federal waiver prohibiting the use of SNAP benefits to purchase soda, ensuring taxpayer dollars are used to support nutritious food choices for Arizona families.

“This bill is about prioritizing nutrition and making sure taxpayer dollars help Arizona families lead healthier lives,” said Representative Biasiucci. **“SNAP should be a tool for supporting real food, not government-subsidized sugar water. HB2165 ensures public assistance is used responsibly, protecting opportunity, promoting health, and keeping our kids and hardworking parents on the path to success. I’m proud to support this commonsense reform that benefits families and taxpayers alike.”**

The legislation aligns with the [House Republican Majority’s commitment](#) to preserving the American Dream by fostering opportunity, promoting public safety, and protecting individual rights. Ensuring that government assistance programs operate efficiently and effectively is a key component of responsible leadership and fiscal stewardship.

HB2165 reflects the Republican Majority’s focus on economic accountability and protecting taxpayer dollars from waste and abuse. With this bill’s passage, Arizona is taking the lead in advocating for healthier food choices for families receiving SNAP benefits. If the federal government denies the waiver, the bill mandates that Arizona will continue to request it annually until it is granted.

House Republicans continue to deliver real results, fighting to ensure Arizona families can thrive. The passage of HB2165 is a clear step toward strengthening Arizona’s future by reinforcing responsible policies that benefit both taxpayers and recipients of public assistance.

HB2165 now heads to the Senate for further consideration.

Leo Biasiucci is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 30 and is Chairman of the House Transportation Committee. Follow him on X at @Leo4AzHouse.

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