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The Satanic Temple Celebrates Legislative Victory in Arizona as a Testament to Religious Liberty

PHOENIX, AZ — The Arizona State Senate declined to pass SB 1279, a contentious bill that sought to ban Satanic displays from being erected on public property. The proposed legislation faced staunch opposition from The Satanic Temple (TST), who argued that such a law would infringe upon constitutional rights and discriminate against religious liberty.

Erin Helian, the Executive Director of TST, hailed the Senate's decision as a significant win for religious freedom. "The rejection of SB 1279 by the Arizona Senate underscores a crucial acknowledgment of the pluralistic foundation upon which this nation stands," Helian stated. "While we rejoice in this victory, we remain vigilant, recognizing that the fight for equitable religious representation is far from over."

The defeat of SB 1279 in Arizona comes amidst a trend of similar legislative attempts across the country, including a recently introduced bill in Mississippi and prior efforts in Iowa, aimed at curtailing the visibility of Satanic symbols in public spaces. "These legislative endeavors not only challenge the principles of religious freedom but also pose a broader question about the inclusivity of our democratic values," added Helian.

TST has said they are committed to challenging any legislation that threatens to undermine the religious liberties of its members. "As defenders of constitutional liberty, it is our duty to ensure that freedom of religion is preserved as an unassailable right for all, not a privilege granted to a select few," Helian concluded.

About The Satanic Temple

The Satanic Temple, subject of the critically acclaimed documentary, *Hail Satan?*, and the academic analysis of modern Satanism, *Speak of the Devil*, confronts religious discrimination to secure the separation of church and state and defend the Constitutional rights of its members. For more information about The Satanic Temple, visit <https://thesatanictemple.com/>.