

Members of the Ethics Committee
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 W Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Ethics Complaint regarding Representative John Fillmore

Dear Members of the Committee:

By this letter, I submit a formal ethics complaint against Representative John Fillmore. I have personal knowledge and there is both audio and video recording of the following information. During the House Government and Elections Committee hearing on February 10, 2021, Representative Fillmore continuously made discriminatory and harassing comments during public testimony and in his response, compared members of the LGBTQ+ community to farm animals. By his actions, Representative Fillmore has engaged in conduct that compromises the character of himself, the integrity of the Arizona State House of Representatives, and shows a lack of respect for members of the LGBTQ+ community.

The Ethics Committee has the power to investigate complaints against members, A.R.S. § 38-519, as well as claims of disorderly conduct, Arizona Constitution Article 4, Part 2 § 11. Unethical, unprofessional, and even immoral conduct is no less disorderly when that behavior affects the integrity of the Arizona State House of Representatives and its duty to the people of Arizona.

I declare under penalty of perjury the factual matters and things stated in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my own personal knowledge, information, and belief. Based on the foregoing, I request the Ethics Committee investigate and make recommendations, including whether Representative John Fillmore should be subject to censure and other disciplinary actions.

Sincerely,

Riley Behrens