

Protect Our Seniors: Vote NO on Proposition 315

Arizona's ballot Proposition 315 is an unnecessary and potentially harmful measure that will impede the effective governance of critical sectors, especially healthcare in senior care.

A law already exists for this purpose: Arizona law already mandates that state agencies have statutory authority with guardrails before they enact regulations. Additionally, all final proposed state agency rules must receive final approval from the Governor's Regulatory Review Council. This existing oversight ensures that any new regulations are carefully vetted and justified, balancing regulatory needs with public interests.

Redundancy at its worst: Approving **Proposition 315** would add yet another layer of bureaucracy by requiring new regulations to also be approved by the state legislature. This would significantly slow down the process of enacting essential regulations and might even halt necessary health and safety regulations altogether. The negative consequences for healthcare, particularly in senior care facilities, could be severe.

As highlighted in a detailed report by *The Arizona Republic*, there are already alarming instances of resident harm in Arizona's senior living facilities, including abuse, neglect, and inadequate care.

The delay or inability to update regulations promptly under **Proposition 315** could make matters even worse, leading to deteriorating conditions and insufficient safeguards for vulnerable Arizonans.

Without being able to implement new health and safety regulations or change fees to hire inspectors, senior care facilities may continue to operate using outdated rules that fail to address current challenges, such as emerging health threats, evolving care standards, and needs due to population growth. This could lead to further neglect and mistreatment of residents, undermining their health and well-being.

Proposition 315 poses a significant risk to effective governance and public safety. It threatens to stifle regulatory development crucial for maintaining and improving care standards in Arizona, especially in the most vulnerable sectors such as assisted living and nursing homes.

Please reject this harmful proposition to ensure we protect our elders and people living with disabilities who need services in Arizona care facilities.