

# STATEMENT

## Kirsten Engel Has A Long Record Of Protecting The Rights Of Convicted Sex Offenders Over The Rights Of Crime Victims And Protecting The Community. She Has Voted Against Multiple Bills In The State Legislature That Keep These Dangerous Criminals Behind Bars.

### *Verification*

#### Engel Voted Against Efforts To Crack Down On Sex Offenders

**In January 2018, Engel Voted Against Advancing HB 2248.** (Hearing, Committee On Judiciary And Public Safety, [Arizona House Of Representatives](#), 1/24/18) minute 48:02

- **HB 2248 “Expand[ed] The List Of Conditions That May Trigger The [Sexually Violent Person] Screening Process.”** (Summary Of HB 2248, [Arizona House Of Representatives](#), 1/12/18)
  - **VIDEO: Engel Said That “Persons Who Are Sexually Violent” Are “A Problem” But Expressed Concern That, Under HB 2248, They Would Not Be Able To “Move On From Their Offense” Without Being “Continually Re-Evaluated” After “Any Kind Of Scrape With The Law.”** ENGEL: “Once again we have a problem in our society: Persons who are sexually violent. I think the issue here is whether those persons can ever move on from their offense or if anytime they might trigger any kind of scrape with the law they then are continually re-evaluated.” (Hearing, Committee On Judiciary And Public Safety, [Arizona House Of Representatives](#), 1/24/18) minute 46:37
  - **VIDEO: Engel Added That “This Bill Just Goes A Bit Too Far” Because, “If They’re Picked Up For Shoplifting, They Could Still Be Screened” As A Sexually Violent Person.** ENGEL: “In prior discussions of this, the way in which this bill would work — if somebody had a past offense or was priorly previously convicted for a sexually violent offense, which could be something like indecent exposure, that person is — if they’re picked up for shoplifting, they could still be screened and I think that as a result I think this bill just goes a bit too far and I’m troubled by the big distinction between basically the civil commitment — sort of an indefinite civil commitment that perhaps can be removed versus a one-year civil commitment — and for that reason I vote ‘no.’” (Hearing, Committee On Judiciary And Public Safety, [Arizona House Of Representatives](#), 1/24/18) minute 47:11
- NOTE: Engel Voted In Support Of Final Passage Of HB 2248.** (HB 2248, Passed: 57-0-2-0-1, Arizona House Of Representatives, 2/7/18)

**In January 2018, Engel Voted Against Advancing HB 2245.** (Hearing, Committee On Judiciary And Public Safety, [Arizona House Of Representatives](#), 1/31/18) minute 2:18:06

- **HB 2245 Modified The Prohibition On Bail For Sex Offenders In Response To An Arizona Supreme Court Ruling That The Existing Prohibition Was Too Broad.** (Summary Of HB 2245, [Arizona House Of Representatives](#), 1/12/18)
- **The Maricopa County Attorney’s Office And Pima County Attorney’s Office Supported HB 2245.** Rebecca Baker, the legislative liaison for the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, said that the Arizona Supreme Court also “held that certain crimes or the circumstances under which certain crimes are committed may present such an inherent risk of future dangerousness that bail can appropriately be denied, and so the intent of this legislation is to narrow the scope of section A as due process requires while still maintaining to the greatest degree possible the original intent of the legislation that was passed back in 2002.” (HB 2245 - RTS/Current Bill Positions, Arizona State Legislature, Introduced 2018; Hearing, Committee On Judiciary And Public Safety, [Arizona House Of Representatives](#), 1/31/18) minute 1:44:4
- **VIDEO: Engel Said That “I Am Still Not Satisfied About The Constitutionality” Of HB 2245, Indicating That She Believed The Prohibition On Bail For Sex Offenders Was Still Too Broad.** ENGEL: “I’m also a mother of a 13-year-old and so this is a this is a tough bill. Certainly concerned about her safety at all times. So, it’s very concerning. I may

change my vote on the floor but I am still not satisfied about the constitutionality as well, so for now I am a ‘no.’” (Hearing, Committee On Judiciary And Public Safety, [Arizona House Of Representatives](#), 1/31/18) minute 2:17:37

**Engel Also Voted Against Final Passage Of HB 2245.** (HB 2245, Passed: 40-19-1-0-0, Arizona House Of Representatives, 2/14/18)

**VIDEO: Engel Expressed Concern That The “Particular Categories” Of Sex Offenders Outlined In HB 2245 Would “Be Deprived Of Bail.”** ENGEL: “So, what this bill does is it comes up with particular categories and, based upon those categories, if you fall into them under the offense, then you’re taking away the more individualized determination of whether or not the defendant should be deprived of bail or not. I think we should leave that determination to the judge through a determination of both the offense and the likelihood and propensity for future dangerousness.” (Floor Speech, [Arizona House Of Representatives](#), 2/14/18) minute 30:49

**In February 2018, Engel Voted Against Advancing SB 1041.** (Hearing, Committee On Judiciary And Public Safety, [Arizona House Of Representatives](#), 2/28/18) minute 12:55

- **SB 1041 “Prohibit[ed] A Person Convicted Of A [Dangerous Crime Against Children] Who Is Required To Register As A Sex Offender From Residing Or Establishing A Residence Within 1,000 Feet Of Where The Person’s Former Victim Lives.”** (Summary Of SB 1041, [Arizona House Of Representatives](#), 2/25/18)
- **Engel Also Voted Against Final Passage Of SB 1041.** (SB 1041, Passed: 34-25-1-0-0, Arizona House Of Representatives, 4/4/18)
- **VIDEO: Engel Said That “Sex Offenders Living Close To Their Victims ... Is Not Something That I Necessarily Think Is A Good Idea” But Claimed That SB 1041 Will “Encourage Those Offenders To Try To Find Out Where The Victims Live So That They Can Comply With This Law.”** ENGEL: “Certainly we have no interest in sex offenders living close to their victims. This is not something that I necessarily think is a good idea. But I am concerned about the privacy of the victim and the victim’s family, and I really see no way that you can implement this law or that offenders can even comply with the law without knowing where their victim lives as well as members of their family, and so to basically encourage those offenders to try to find out where the victims live so that they can comply with this law just doesn’t make any sense to me.” (Floor Speech, [Arizona House Of Representatives](#), 4/4/18) minute 28:42

**In February 2021, Engel Voted Against Advancing SB 1305.** (Hearing, Time Stamp: 01:24:01, Committee On Judiciary, [Arizona Senate](#), 2/18/21)

- **SB 1305 “Expand[ed] Sex Offender Registration Requirements To Include Motor Vehicle Information And Modifie[d] Existing Registration Requirements When An Offender Moves.”** (Fact Sheet For SB 1305, [Arizona Senate](#), 2/16/21)
- **Engel Also Voted Against Third Read Of SB 1305.** (SB 1305, Passed: 19-11-0-0-0, Arizona Senate, 3/3/21)  
**NOTE: Engel Voted In Support Of Final Passage Of SB 1305.** (SB 1305, Passed: 27-2-1-0-0, Arizona House Of Representatives, 6/29/21)