

State of the Race Background: Kyrsten Sinema

An Independent Voice for Arizona

HEALTH CARE: The number one thing Kyrsten hears about on the trail is health care, and Arizonans know they can count on her to stand up for what's working in our health care system - like protections for pre-existing conditions - and work across the aisle to fix what's broken. Congresswoman McSally, who voted repeatedly to gut these protections, has spent the campaign on defense about her votes to jeopardize care for Arizonans. Recent [CNN](#) and [CBS](#) polls show health care is Arizonans' top priority in Senate race.

[Arizona Republic: "Rep. Martha McSally: 'I'm getting my ass kicked' on vote to repeal 'Obamacare'"](#)
[Arizona Republic \(column\): "Martha McSally's R-rated health care rant haunts her"](#)

GOTV: Kyrsten has seen incredible enthusiasm on the trail. She launched Arizona Votes Early, a statewide grassroots organizing effort to channel that enthusiasm into votes. The Arizona Democratic Party is running the largest volunteer organizing and outreach program in state history, and it is driving Arizonans to the polls.

[AZ Family: "Arizona voters close registration gap between Republicans and Democrats"](#)

LATINO OUTREACH: Kyrsten has prioritized outreach to Arizona's Latino community.

Sinema for Arizona has run TV and online ads in Spanish for months. These ads are focused on Kyrsten's background and the issues she fights for, including access to affordable health care and quality education for all Arizonans. Kyrsten's first Spanish-language digital ad, which first went up in March, was the [first ad](#) personally narrated by a Senate candidate this cycle in a language other than English.

The Arizona Democratic Party opened their first field office in South Phoenix – which has a large Latino community – in [June](#) and has a diverse, Spanish speaking staff organizing the area. From the [Arizona Republic](#): *"Sinema has been among the most aggressive Arizona candidates in terms of courting Latino voters in Spanish. In addition to sprinkling the language throughout her remarks on the campaign trail, she has run several Spanish-language radio, TV and online ads."*

KYRSTEN'S RECORD: Kyrsten has worked across the aisle to get things done on the issues that matter most to Arizonans, like standing up for our veterans, making health care more affordable, fighting for quality public education and opportunity for all Arizonans, and protecting Arizonans' privacy.

Veterans. Kyrsten has helped pass five measures supporting veterans since 2016 that help ensure those who have served our country have access to job opportunities, continuing education, and quality care when they return home.

Health care. As she has in Congress, Kyrsten will continue standing up for important policies like protections for pre-existing conditions and making sure no one jeopardizes' Arizonans Medicare or imposes what the AARP called an "age tax" on older Arizonans. She will also work across the aisle, as she's done in the House, to make health care work better for Arizona families and businesses.

Education. Kyrsten worked with Sen. John McCain to [protect billions in local school funding](#). A federal judge's ruling put Arizona schools at risk of losing \$3.5 billion in funding approved by state voters, so Kyrsten worked with Sen. McCain to write language that protected the funding in the most recent budget package.

KEY ENDORSEMENTS: Kyrsten is proud to have strong and growing support from Arizonans and people and organizations who stand up for Arizonans on the issues that matter most.

Kyrsten was recently endorsed by both *The Arizona Republic* and the *Arizona Daily Star* editorial boards. *The Arizona Republic* endorsed Kyrsten - the first endorsement for a Democratic Senate candidate this century - for her "politics by collaboration" approach and ability to cut through Washington dysfunction. See Kyrsten's full endorsement from the *Republic* [here](#) and the *Daily Star* [here](#). She has also been endorsed by:

- Former Republican Attorney General [Grant Woods](#)
- Arizona law enforcement officials including: Santa Cruz County Sheriff Tony Estrada, Navajo County Sheriff K.C. Clark, Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall, Coconino County Attorney Bill Ring, and Dan Masters, Sergeant (Ret.), Tempe Police Department
- Alliance for Retired Americans and the National Committee to Preserve Social Security & Medicare
- More than 20 Arizona labor organizations, including the Arizona Professional Fire Fighters Association
- The Chandler Chamber of Commerce
- Former Vice President Joe Biden
- Former President Barack Obama
- Planned Parenthood
- EMILY's List
- National Association of Women Business Owners
- NARAL Pro-Choice America

FACTS ABOUT KYRSTEN: Born in Tucson, Kyrsten's family faced tough times growing up. Education was Kyrsten's ticket to a better life. With student loans, academic scholarships, and financial aid, she went to BYU and then ASU, where she now teaches. After graduating, she worked with students and families in Arizona who faced some of the same challenges she did as a kid.

Kyrsten's commitment to service led her to the Arizona Legislature, where she passed a law to help veterans get in-state tuition at all Arizona public universities, cracked down on sex trafficking, and advocated for children's health care and education. She won her race for Congress in 2012 in Arizona's Ninth District and works every day to deliver for Arizona families.

Ranked as the third most independent member of Congress, Kyrsten is running to serve as an independent voice for Arizona in the Senate and to deliver for everyday Arizonans by helping veterans get the benefits they've earned, expanding access to quality, affordable health care, creating good-paying jobs for Arizonans, and keeping Americans safe at home and abroad.

Kyrsten is an avid runner, a [triathlete](#), and an [IRONMAN](#) competitor. She leads a [bipartisan spin class](#) and recruits her colleagues in Congress to a regular [bipartisan exercise](#) class. She recently broke a record for the fastest female lawmaker at the [ACLI Capital Challenge](#).

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