

## U.S. Senate Race

Candidate Website	If elected, what are the top issues you plan to focus on during your time in the Senate?	Drought on the Colorado River and across the western United States poses an existential threat to Arizona agriculture. How should Arizona's Senate delegation ensure that agriculture's access to water is protected?
<p><b>Senator Mark Kelly</b></p> <p><a href="https://markkelly.com/">https://markkelly.com/</a></p>	<p>I'm running for the United States Senate because Arizonans deserve a leader who will always put our state, not any political party, first. As a Navy combat veteran and former astronaut, I've always been committed to serving our country. And now as a Senator, I'm focused on addressing the many issues facing our state, from rising costs to a historic drought.</p> <p>I do my job differently because we need to change the way Washington runs so our elected leaders focus on the people they're supposed to represent – not corporate special interests. In the Senate, I've prioritized transparency by publishing my official Senate schedule, rejecting corporate PAC money, and putting my assets into blind trusts. I'm the only member of Congress to take these three steps to be transparent and accountable to the people I serve.</p> <p>We need to lower costs for hardworking families and small business owners and get our economy back on track by creating good paying jobs. That's why in the Senate, I've introduced legislation to suspend the federal gas tax through the end of the year and have called for increased domestic oil production to lower gas prices. I've also introduced bipartisan legislation to cut red tape for the trucking workforce and further ease supply chain strains. In the Senate I've passed legislation to cap the cost of drugs like insulin and lead on negotiating a deal to lower prescription costs for Arizona seniors. I also led the effort to create jobs in Arizona by spearheading the effort to invest in microchip manufacturing, which will create good-paying jobs that don't require a four-year degree — all while lowering costs on everyday items Arizona families need.</p> <p>We have to do all of these things while also protecting Medicare and the Social Security benefits that seniors have earned. I'm proud of the work I've done so far serving the state and want to continue working with Republicans and Democrats to deliver for Arizona.</p>	<p>As Arizona's Senator, I have been working to protect Arizona's allocation of Colorado River water for farmers and ranchers who grow our food year-round. No member of the Arizona delegation has done more to provide Arizona with the tools needed to safeguard its water future. I worked with farmers and irrigation districts from Central Arizona to Yuma County to add \$4 billion to the Inflation Reduction Act, which will compensate farmers who voluntarily conserve water in Lake Mead and Lake Powell. I worked with Republicans and Democrats to add \$8 billion in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to repair leaking dams and canals, invest in drip irrigation, and promote desalination and water recycling in Arizona and across the West.</p> <p>In addition to securing financial support for our water future, I've also pressed California and other states to reduce their water consumption of Colorado River water because Arizona cannot be expected to bear the burden of drought. And I've advocated on behalf of Arizona farmers and cooperative extensions that are working with USDA to grow low-water, high-yield crops such as guayule.</p> <p>Arizona is entering a critical stage when it comes to protecting its water from steeper drought cutbacks, and I will continue to fight in Washington to ensure our farmers and ranchers have water.</p>