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Arizona's petition for special action against the board September 2011, the Attorney General sued the board on his client's behalf, alleging the board violated the Arizona Constitution by charging resident students high tuition costs. These claims ignore the facts.

support has precipitously declined. At ASU, state support on a per-student basis has dropped, in 2008 dollars, from \$10,967 in 2008 to \$5,089 in 2018 — a decline of almost \$6,000 per student. At NAU, that amount has decreased from \$10,898 to \$4,661 — a decline of over \$6,000 per student. At UA, the decline in state support was even more severe, dropping from \$13,606 in 2008 to \$5,009 in 2018 — a drop of over \$8,000 per student. This extreme decline in state support is notable on a national scale.

The universities have gone far to ensure that students are not burdened despite these severe declines in state appropriations. The increase in the “sticker price” has been less than the decrease in state appropriations. For example, while state support for UA students has dropped over \$8,000 per student, the “sticker price” has gone up less than \$6,000 — from \$5,037 in 2008 to \$10,802 in 2018. Likewise, at NAU, students have over \$6,000 less in state support but only pay less than \$5,000 more — from \$4,841 in 2008 to \$9,770 in 2018. Finally, ASU students receive almost \$6,000 less in state support — but pay less than \$5,000 more.