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The Honorable Timothy S. Bee
President
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1251: deadly weapons; storage

Dear President Bee:

Today I vetoed Senate Bill 1251, which would have made further changes to the deadly weapons storage legislation we enacted last year.

The current weapons storage legislation became effective September 21, 2006 and has been implemented successfully so far. It is premature to consider amendments. In addition, Senate Bill 1251 places unfounded and unwise caps on the fees that the Department of Public Safety can charge for a concealed weapons permit. The Department of Public Safety must retain the ability to charge a fee that covers its actual costs of running the background checks associated with issuing a concealed weapons permit.

I do agree, however, with section 3 of this bill, and hope that the legislature will pass legislation next session clarifying the rights of qualified peace officers to carry weapons publicly.

Until then, for these and other reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 1251.

Yours very truly,

Janet Napolitano
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Jim Weiers
The Honorable Chuck Gray