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## **Carter Applauds Arizona's Success Against Meth Crime**

### *Stop-Sale Technology Showing Significant Progress In 2014*

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX (Nov. 19, 2014) – Arizona Representative Heather Carter, who spearheaded the legislation that is now working to reduce meth crime in Arizona, highlights this year's results.

So far this year, the state's real-time, stop-sale pseudoephedrine (PSE) tracking system, known as the National Precursor Log Exchange, or NPLeX, has blocked the sale of more than **14,000 boxes** of PSE in Arizona, keeping nearly **39,000 grams** of PSE out of criminal hands. In addition, individual purchasers of PSE have gone down by more than 9 percent in the state.

Thanks to the legislation sponsored by Carter in 2012, Arizona is one of 30 states with NPLeX technology. The system works in real time and across state lines to automatically and instantaneously block unlawful PSE purchases. Arizona police officers and narcotics agents use NPLeX to track meth offenders and can be notified when a suspect attempts to make a purchase.

"These results are an extremely encouraging," said Representative Carter. "This innovative system is helping to fight methamphetamine production and abuse in Arizona, and is a shining example of how public/private partnerships can make a huge difference."

NPLeX is provided free of charge on a permanent basis to state governments that pass appropriate legislation and regulations. The manufacturers of the medicines are the sponsors of NPLeX, and pay for the entire cost of the service.

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