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**Arizona House of Representatives**

**Representative Bob Thorpe (R-6)**

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## House Passes Representative Thorpe's Bill Recommending Peace Officers Be Permitted to Carry Firearms in Federal Buildings

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – The House of Representatives passed legislation (HB 2114) on Wednesday sponsored by Representative Bob Thorpe (R-6) that would direct the Arizona Attorney General to urge the U.S. Attorney General to reverse the federal policy prohibiting sworn peace officers from carrying firearms into federal buildings.

Currently, sworn peace officers are only permitted to carry firearms into federal buildings on official duty.

**“By forbidding law enforcement officers from carrying their firearms in federal buildings, our government is essentially saying that they cannot be trusted,”** said Representative Thorpe. **“These officers put their lives on the line every day when they go to work, and they deserve to have their firearms on them when entering federal buildings.”**

All 35 House Republicans voted in favor of this bill and in support of our Arizona law enforcement officials. However, 24 House Democrats voted against the bill, seeking to continue the federal policy of denying our sworn officers the right to remain armed, which is crucial for performing their sworn duty to defend the general public and themselves.

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