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Representative Quang Nguyen (R-1)

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The National Shooting Sports Foundation Names Representative Quang Nguyen as its Arizona State Legislator of the Year

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) [announced Monday](#) it had recognized Representative Quang Nguyen as the 2021 NSSF Arizona State Legislator of the Year. NSSF explained the prestigious recognition was awarded for Representative Nguyen’s “determined commitment to protect the firearm industry against frivolous lawsuits, recognizing the firearm industry as ‘essential’ during state emergencies and preserving America’s Constitutional Second Amendment rights.”

“We are honored to present Representative Nguyen with the 2021 NSSF Arizona State Legislator of the Year Award for his bold and determined leadership in the Arizona State House of Representatives,” said Lawrence G. Keane, NSSF Senior Vice President and General Counsel. *“His efforts to end frivolous lawsuits against firearm businesses, define the firearm industry as essential during state emergencies and passing a resolution urging the U.S. Senate to reject the nomination of David Chipman as the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives have shown Representative Nguyen to be an invaluable partner to the firearm and ammunition industry in Arizona. NSSF appreciates his commitment to protect our industry against unwarranted threats to lawful commerce and enabling our businesses to serve their customers in Arizona.”*

“I am deeply honored to earn this recognition of the National Shooting Sports Foundation,” Rep. Nguyen said. *“As a legislator, and as a private citizen, I will continue to protect and defend the Second Amendment in every way possible. It is imperative that we all engage to defeat those who seek to remove our rights, grab our guns and erode America’s firearms industry.”*

Representative Nguyen, with Arizona Republican state Sen. Wendy Rogers, was instrumental in passing [Senate Bill 1382](#), which prohibits state entities from suing a member of the firearm industry for lawful design, marketing, distribution and sale of firearms and ammunition to the public. The legislation also prohibits a civil action from being brought against a manufacturer or seller of a firearm or ammunition or related trade association for damages resulting from the criminal misuse of the firearm or ammunition, with exceptions. The bill also codifies in statute that firearm businesses are “essential” during a state of emergency.

Representative Nguyen's Senate Bill 1382 was just the first of many actions he spearheaded to protect the firearm industry. Representative Nguyen led the effort to pass a Legislative Proclamation calling on U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly to recuse himself from a potential confirmation vote on David Chipman as ATF Director. Sen. Kelly is co-founder of the Giffords gun control group, for which Chipman is a lobbyist. Chipman's nomination was ultimately unsuccessful.

NSSF is the trade association for the firearm industry. Its mission is to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. Formed in 1961, NSSF has a membership of thousands of manufacturers, distributors, firearm retailers, shooting ranges, sportsmen's organizations and publishers nationwide.

Quang Nguyen is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 1, which includes Prescott, and portions of Yavapai and Maricopa Counties. Follow him on Twitter at [@QuangNguyenAZ](#).

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