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Representative Austin Smith Celebrates Court Decision Upholding Arizona's Hunting Heritage

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday [rejected](#) efforts led by far-left environmental activists, led by the Center for Biological Diversity, to compel the Forest Service to prohibit lead ammunition in the Kaibab National Forest – an area which borders the Grand Canyon and is renowned for big game hunting.

Arizona State Representative Austin Smith, Vice Chairman of the House Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee, today hailed the court's decision, which affirms Arizona's hunting heritage and Second Amendment rights.

“The 9th Circuit decision is an important victory for hunters, sportsman and shooting enthusiasts across Arizona who, like me, are committed to upholding the values and traditions that have defined our great state for generations,” said Representative Smith. **“As a 5th generation Arizona hunter and angler, I'm pleased to see this 11-year attempt to regulate ammunition by the radical gun control and anti-hunting lobby fail. The ruling sets a crucial precedent, sending a clear message that attempts to stifle the rights of law-abiding citizens and undermine our hunting heritage on the Kaibab will not prevail.”**

Austin Smith is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 29 in Goodyear, Surprise, El Mirage, Youngtown, Wittmann, Morristown, and Allah. He serves as Vice Chairman of the House Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee and is also a member of the Municipal Oversight & Elections, and Ways & Means Committees. Follow him on X/Twitter at @azaustinsmith.

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