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Arizona House of Representatives  
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## State Representatives Nguyen & Bliss Urge Reopening of Public Access to Joe Foss Shooting Complex

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Arizona State Representatives Quang Nguyen and Selina Bliss have called for Maricopa County to reopen the Joe Foss Shooting Complex in Buckeye Hills Regional Park to members of the public. In a letter sent to Sheriff Russ Skinner and the Maricopa Board of Supervisors, Representatives Nguyen and Bliss expressed their concerns over the recent closure of the shooting range.

*“We write to you today in our official capacity to express concerns regarding the Joe Foss Shooting Complex. It is our understanding that on June 30th, 2024, the Joe Foss Shooting Complex located in Buckeye Hills Regional Park was closed. According to the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation, the reason for this closure was to allow for more officers and deputies to be able to learn, qualify, and requalify with firearms and reduce the wait time for such training. We strongly urge you to reopen the shooting range to the public as soon as possible.*”

*“The Joe Foss Shooting Complex has been an important resource in Arizona for many years, gaining many consistent, loyal members. Many civilians, most being long-time members of the JFSC community, are frustrated with their favorite shooting range closing. With this closure, we have heard concerns regarding the places to which people will start taking their shooting business—some say that those once-loyal members of the Joe Foss Shooting Complex will start shooting in the desert instead. Keeping the Joe Foss Shooting Complex open to the public would eliminate that concern and avoid other unanticipated problems or unintended consequences.”*

A copy of the Representatives’ signed letter is attached.

*Quang Nguyen is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 1 in Yavapai County and is Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. Follow him on X/Twitter at @QuangNguyenAZ.*

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*Via Email and U.S. Mail*

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Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Maricopa County Board of Supervisors  
301 W. Jefferson Street #10  
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**Re: Joe Foss Shooting Complex**

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Please contact us at your earliest convenience to discuss this situation further. We truly appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Quang Nguyen in black ink.

Representative Quang Nguyen

Handwritten signature of Selina Bliss in black ink.

Representative Selina Bliss