



# MAYORS AGAINST ILLEGAL GUNS

April 18, 2014

The Honorable Janice K. Brewer  
Arizona Governor  
Executive Tower  
1700 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

**RE: Arizona Mayors Oppose HB 2339**

Dear Governor Brewer:

As Arizona members of the national, bipartisan Mayors Against Illegal Guns coalition, we write to express our strong opposition to HB 2339. We join the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police, Arizona Police Association, League of Arizona Cities and Towns, County Supervisors Association of Arizona, Arizona Library Association, the Pima County's Attorney's Office, the City of Tucson, the Buckeye Valley and Tucson Metro Chambers of Commerce in urging you to veto this dangerous—and costly—legislation.

HB 2339 would force local governments to allow loaded, hidden guns at public events and in our government buildings, unless we place security personnel and screening equipment at each building and event. We would have to spend taxpayer dollars on security personnel for every recreation center, library, and local fair—or else lose our ability to decide whether to allow guns in our public spaces. HB 2339 would override our ability to make the decisions we deem necessary to keep our employees and residents safe. There are times and places when concealed, loaded weapons pose a danger to public safety—and this legislation would force local governments to choose between public safety and onerous, expensive security measures.

You have vetoed similar legislation twice in the past—because the expense of providing security is a tremendous burden on local governments. Providing security at every government building and local event would stretch our police services and ultimately make our towns and cities less safe.

Don't force us to choose between public safety and spending more taxpayer money. We urge you to veto this dangerous and costly legislation.

Sincerely,

**Signed by Arizona Mayors Against Illegal Guns**

Mayor Marie Rogers of Avondale, AZ  
Mayor Adolfo Gamez of Tolleson, AZ  
Mayor Jonathan Rothschild of Tucson, AZ

Mayor Arturo Garino of Nogales, AZ  
Mayor Robert Jackson of Casa Grande, AZ