



Arizona Sex Offender Management Board

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January 22, 2026

The Honorable Warren Petersen, President of the Senate
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear President Petersen:

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The Board remains committed to delivering complete, well-supported, and actionable recommendations as expeditiously as possible. We aspire to serve as the State's premier resource on sex offender treatment and management and welcome your continued input.

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