



Arizona Sex Offender Management Board

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March 26, 2026

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

Dear President Petersen,

On behalf of the Arizona Sex Offender Management Board, I write to respectfully express the Board's position on three specific pending pieces of legislation: SB1240, SB1239 and SB1092.

Following review and discussion, the Board voted on March 23, 2026, to:

- **Support - SB1240**

By a vote of 12 yes, zero no, and eight abstaining, the Board supports this bill as it represents a step in the right direction to stop incentive payments. Additionally, the Board believes that providing incentives to high-risk populations could inadvertently encourage behaviors or conditions the policy is intended to mitigate.

- **Oppose - SB1239**

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Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives
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Minority Leader of the Arizona House of Representatives
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Dear Senator Sundareshan,

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Arizona House of Representatives Judiciary Committee
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