Statement from the Arizona State Rifle and Pistol Association

Regarding HB2455:

ASRPA takes the position that any firearms which are turned in voluntarily should follow the same stringent state law as it regards to confiscated firearms. We want a complete accountability of all firearms taken in by the entities which are handling these events. This accountability would for example prevent people from being lured by monetary gain into taking valuable firearms such as family heirlooms from relatives and such and turning them in.

We also expect ample time for the collecting agency or organization to contact the rightful owners before disposing of the firearms.

After collection, and every effort is made to locate the rightful owners, we feel all firearms should then be disposed of with a bidding or purchase process by lawful collectors or licensed dealers with proceeds going to the state or country attorneys to prosecute violent crimes.

Also, we feel full and complete transparency is important where firearms are involved and we, and the citizens of Arizona deserve to know the identity of any individuals or their organizations which are sponsoring these “buy back” or “turn in” events.

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