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In answer to your questions, I will answer them in the order you asked.

**Why did the local Pizza Huts recently change their policy of prohibiting firearms in its stores?**

Senate Bill 1108 goes into law in July of this year. When I became aware of the new law it did not make sense to me to continue banning “licensed permit holders”, who have received education and training, from carrying weapons into our restaurants when, as I understand the new law allows anyone who is over the age of 21 to carry a concealed weapon although not into a restaurant or bar that serves liquor, which most of our restaurants do.

**How many Pizza Huts does this apply to?**

It affects the 32 restaurants Pizza Hut of Arizona owns throughout the state.

**When did this change take place?**

The change took place after I saw an article in the newspaper about the new law and researched it. I had a meeting with my team about it, and subsequently we took the signs down the week beginning June 1, 2010.

**In what ways have the 1999 murders at a local Pizza Hut affected your decision making on this issue?**

We will never forget the tragedy of those murders in 1999 and what happened may have shaped our feelings about guns forever. However, for safety reasons we have always had a “no weapon” policy (while working) for all of us at Pizza Hut of Arizona.

I hope that I have answered your questions.

Sincerely,

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