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RE: Assembly Bill NO. 143: Concealed Firearms

Dear Chairman Segerblom and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

The Nevada Firearms Coalition is dedicated to the safe use of firearms for self-defense, competition, recreation and hunting. We are a Nevada grassroots organization representing the firearms owners of Nevada. We are the State Association for the National Rifle Association, and a member of the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

We are requesting that this letter be placed in the official record as our strong support for AB 143 for the following reasons:

- The current law regarding lawful Concealed Firearms Permit holders on property of the Nevada System of Higher Education is administered on a case by case basis by the president of the campus. All requests except a very limited few are denied because an applicant must prove an immediate need that the president's don't believe can be fulfilled by staff. When denied, there is no opportunity for an appeal.
- Moreover, the Board of Regents was required by law to develop rules for the carrying of firearms by lawful Concealed Firearms Permit holders. Since the passage of the current legislation, neither the presidents nor the Board of Regents complied with the statute thereby denying lawful Concealed Firearms Permit holders to exercise their statutory allowed permits on any property of the Nevada System of Higher Education.
- This action only prevented the lawful carrying of firearms and denied citizens the ability to be able to defend themselves. As firearms are prohibited, locked in cars on campus, citizens are denied the right to defend themselves at any time as long as their daily schedule includes a class on campus.
- Administrators and Regents of the system of higher education deny the right of citizens to be able to exercise their permitted rights of self-defense. This has led to many instances of violence against lawful citizens on campus by criminals. This injustice has to be rectified.

We fully support this law and request its passage through your committee.

Sincerely,

Don Turner, President