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RE: Assembly Bill NO. 195 Permitting Early Renewal of Concealed Firearms Permits

Dear Chairman Frierson and members of the Assembly 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 195 for the following reasons:

We have received member complaints that under the current system, a citizen holding a Concealed Firearms Permit (CFP) cannot apply for a renewal until the expiration of their current permit. Yet the statutes give the sheriff's department 120 days to issue the new permit. That means that a person is denied the CFP for FOUR months before being to legally carry concealed firearms for protection. This law will allow CFP holders to apply in advance so there will be no break in their ability to carry. Although the current proposal does not address this issue, 120 days is an unacceptable length of time to process a permit. The NCIS checks are immediate and there is no reason a CFP cannot be renewed within 30 days. This law provides a correction of this problem.

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

Sincerely,

Don Turner, President