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RE: AB496 - METRO Request for Additional Funds

Dear Chairwoman Bustamante Adams and Assembly Committee on Taxation,

We were unable to attend your hearing on AB496 on April 2, 2013, but we would like to submit this letter of opposition for your consideration.

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 oppose providing additional funding for the Clark County Metropolitan Police Department (METRO) for the following reasons:

- Since 1948 Clark County has been the only county in all of Nevada to require handgun registration via Clark County Code 12.04 (080, 090, 100, 110, 180, 200, 210).
- On October 11, 2011 BCC Commissioner Reid asked the county manager to perform an audit of the program. Questions asked in the letter were briefly answered with little or no data provided and the audit request was ignored.
- On March 2, 2012 BCC Commissioner Collins asked the county manager to perform an audit of the program. Questions asked in the letter were briefly answered with the exact same answers provided to Commissioner Reid, the audit request was ignored.
- On August 16, 2012, this organization asked the county manager for an audit of the handgun registration program.
- On September 7, 2012 we received a letter from the county manger denying the request and stating "Please be advised that I do not intend to authorize and audit of this program at this time."
- We have been soliciting petitions from registered voters of Clark County protesting this program and have accumulated approximately 3,000 signatures at this time.
- This program is extremely unpopular with the law abiding citizens of Clark County.
- In responses to these letters and other inquiries METRO has not documented any efficiency or effectiveness of this program and cannot justify it nor the expenses to support the program.

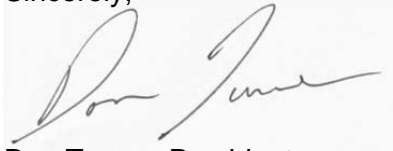
As a good steward of tax payer money and a professional manager of a large agency, the METRO sheriff should evaluate all his programs to ensure that tax payer dollars are being expended in an efficient and effective manner. He has refused to perform performance and economic audits of this problematic program despite repeated requests by County Commissioners and citizens to justify or improve the program. There have been no performance

measures established or analyzed,, and this is fact is documented in the responses to the audit requests.

Until such time as the METRO Sheriff evaluates and streamlines programs within his agency (including standard performance measures) and eliminates those that are not providing a positive cost-benefit outcome, no additional funds should be provided.

We request that the Assembly Committee on Taxation not provide METRO with additional funding until such time as the Sherriff demonstrates good business practices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Turner", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Don Turner, President