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RE: Assembly Bill No. 121

ATTENTION: Assembly Education Committee

The Nevada Firearms Coalition is in support of this bill which prohibits a school from disciplining a pupil for simulating a firearms or dangerous weapon or wearing clothing or accessories that depict a firearm or dangerous weapon or express certain opinions except in certain circumstances.

Many students participate in recreational shooting or hunting activities in which these activities have logo or commercial apparel, or awards that display a firearm or some motto or tag line that under current policies of some school districts would result in unrealistic suspension or disciplinary action against the student. We believe that the zero tolerance policies of some school districts and/or administrators have gone well beyond the common sense policies of keeping deadly weapons out of the school environment. Current punishment of students for items or actions and gestures that are not intended to or cannot be used to harm another person exceeds the intention of the original intent. For this reason, legislative action is necessary to restore "common sense" to school administration.

We would like to point out an inconsistency in state law and legal definitions. In the proposed bill the term "firearm" is defined in NRS 392.466 (c) as referenced to 18 USC. However, in NRS 202.253.2 (the statewide definition for the gun laws) firearm is defined in state law, not referenced to US Code. For the sake of uniform consistency of state gun laws, we respectfully suggest that the proposed bill be amended as follows:

NRS Chapter 392 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows.....

5. As used in this section:

29 ***(a) "Dangerous weapon" has the meaning ascribed to it in***

30 ***paragraph (b) of subsection 7 of NRS 392.466.***

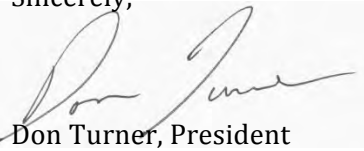
31 ***(b) "Firearm" ~~has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph (c)~~***

32 ***~~of subsection 7 of NRS 392.466.~~ means any device designed to be used as a weapon from which a projectile may be expelled through the barrel by the force of any explosion or other form of combustion. Per NRS 202.253.2***

The Nevada Firearms Coalition is dedicated to the safe use of firearms for self-defense, competition, recreation and hunting. We are the statewide Nevada grassroots organization representing the firearms owners of Nevada. Our membership includes individuals, gun clubs, community

organizations, and retail firearm corporations and ranges. We are the State Association for the National Rifle Association, and a member of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, USA Shooting and the Civilian Marksman Program.

Sincerely,



Don Turner, President

cc: Assemblywoman Woodbury, Assemblyman Stewart, Assemblyman Armstrong, Assemblywoman Dooling, Assemblyman Edwards, Assemblyman Gardner, Assemblyman Hickey, Assemblywoman Shelton, Assemblyman Anderson, Assemblywoman Diaz, Assemblyman Flores, Assemblywoman Joiner, Assemblyman Munford, Assemblywoman Swank