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Assemblyman Horne, Chair  
Justice Committee

Re: Informal Public hearing on "Assault Weapons in Nevada"  
Advisory Committee on the Administration of Justice

Dear Chairman Horne,

The Nevada Firearms Coalition is the statewide association for the gun owners of Nevada. We appreciate the opportunity to provide public testimony and leave this document as our input to your informal public hearing on Assault Weapons in Nevada.

We have completed an exhaustive review of the Nevada Revised Statutes and would like to inform you that the regulation of firearms and ammunition is mentioned in approximately 110 different State Statutes. The print out of all the firearms and ammunition statutes, single spaced is 51 pages.

One would think that every conceivable means to regulate firearms is contained in these 110 statutes. Assault Weapons by definition are hand held machine guns capable of firing multiple rounds with the single manipulation of the trigger. NRS 202.350 defines these devices and prohibits their possession unless permitted by federal law or being a qualified peace officer in discharge of official duties. So it seems like the topic of this hearing is already covered. In addition to many other statutes, NRS makes it a crime to display a firearm as a threat, point a firearm at another, shoot another, murder another, possess armor piercing ammo in handguns, use a silencer, shoot from and at vehicles, and many other and various means of possessing or using a firearm or ammunition in an unlawful method, manner, place, or person.

As representatives of law abiding citizens who own firearms, we have one question for the committee. Since there are 110 laws on the state books (not including county and city and federal laws) can you provide us with the number of laws necessary to keep people from abusing each other? There is a fine line between security and freedom, and if 110 laws are not enough to protect us and punish the abuser, please tell us how many are needed. Until you can do this, perhaps more laws are not the answer.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify,

Sincerely,

Don Turner, President  
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