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RE: SB 137, Constitutional Carry Bill

Dear Chairman Segerblom and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

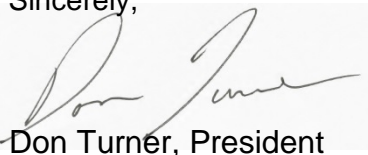
The Nevada Firearms Coalition is dedicated to the safe use of firearms for self-defense, competition, recreation and hunting. We are a Nevada grassroots organization representing the firearms owners of Nevada. We are the State Association for the National Rifle Association, and a member of the National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

SB 137 follows the growing trend of states in the union to allow law-abiding citizens to carry a handgun concealed without a permit as long as they are not legally prohibited from possessing a firearm. Of the states that have done so, Alaska, Arizona, Vermont and Wyoming, none have experienced any problems, either administratively or criminally. Citizens in those states, exercising what has come to be called constitutional carry, have demonstrated by their responsible behavior that their guns are carried and used responsibly.

This bill would also eliminate the Clark County handgun registration program. Many citizens in Clark County disagree with this program and the Sheriff has not been able to produce any documents demonstrating its effectiveness nor efficiency. As a matter of record, he has no tracking procedures to determine the effectiveness of the program. He has also refused three requests for audit of the program, two requests being from Clark County Commissioners. There is a recent petition campaign in Clark County that has received nearly 3,000 citizen signatures. As the Sheriff is asking for more tax money, he should be directed to stream line his department and eliminate nonproductive programs before being authorized more funds. The Clark County handgun registration program is neither effective nor efficient and is disliked by county residents. It only applies in Clark County and needs to be brought into harmony with statewide firearms laws.

We strongly support this bill, and request that you pass it out of your committee and allow it a vote of the Senate.

Sincerely,



Don Turner, President