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RE: Nevada Firearms Coalition Opposition to Senate Bill 221

Chairman Frierson and Members of the Assembly Committee on Judiciary,

The Nevada Firearms Coalition is a Nevada Grassroots organization representing Nevada firearms owners. We have some serious concerns about Senate Bill 221, a mental health bill with gun control legislation included.

Our concern is that SB 221 adds additional complexities on top of existing Nevada gun laws, which are presently scattered throughout NRS. As written, SB 221 WILL NOT prevent another IHOP, Sandy Hook, or Tucson tragedy. SB 221 just adds more unenforceable laws upon the backs of law-abiding citizens in order to provide the appearance of "doing something", but it achieves nothing.

In Nevada Revised Statutes there are currently 110 laws regulating firearms. No one has been able to determine the number of laws that will stop the manifestation of evil, no one. But we have proven ourselves capable of disarming citizens, with the consequence of rendering them defenseless against evil acts.

In regards to the gun control specifics of SB 221:

NRS 202.254 already allows citizens to obtain background checks for private party sales.

NRS 202.360 already establishes persons who are prohibited to have in possession any firearms (prohibited possessor) and establishes the offense as a category B felony with a minimum of one year imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine.

NRS 202.362 already makes it a category B felony for someone to provide firearms or ammunition to a prohibited possessor.

NRS 202.3653 through 202.3689 regulates concealed carry of firearms.

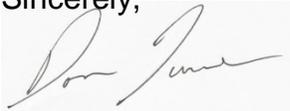
SB 221 provides no enforcement mechanism for the private-sale background checks. Nothing in SB 221 provides a way for police to determine whether a background check has occurred as part of a private sale, or for prosecutors to prove in a court of law that a

violation occurred. That means both criminals and the law-abiding can ignore the private-sale background requirement with impunity, because law enforcement has no way of knowing whether the law has been followed.

With these laws already in place, why do we need a more complicated law that does not achieve its stated objective?

Consequently, we respectfully urge you to vote against SB 221 and prevent the passage of a complex law without meaningful substance.

Sincerely,

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Don Turner, President