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RE: SB 226, Combines Driver's License and Concealed Firearms Permit, Includes all Handguns authorized by permit, and eliminates the Clark County Handgun Registration Program

Dear Chairman Segerblom and Members of 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.

It is the position of the Nevada Firearms Coalition that Nevada needs one set of firearms laws for all its citizens.

SB 226 eliminates the need to carry and produce two different documents.

It allows a Concealed Firearms Permit holder to qualify with and carry any handgun. This makes the permit similar to the driver's license in that you can drive any vehicle and obtain a license to drive any vehicle.

It saves citizen's money as current legislation requires qualification with two different types of handguns. Concealed Firearms Permit instructors and range owners charge additional fees to qualify with a second type handgun, these additional charges will be a savings to the tax payer.

Clark County and the Cities within Clark County all have different gun laws (contrary to Statewide Firearms Preemption) and it is almost impossible to travel within Clark County without being in violation of some ordinance. In addition, the Clark County Handgun Registration program is very unpopular with County residents; an ongoing petition drive has already received almost 3,000 signatures. The Clark County Sheriff has refused to audit the program, and he does not provide a tracking or measuring plan to determine the efficiency of the program. Yet he is asking for more tax money for more programs. He should be held accountable for making his operation more efficient before any more tax dollars are authorized. So far he cannot document the need or results of this program, consequently it should be eliminated.

We strongly support SB 226 and request that the Senate Judiciary pass this bill and bring it to the Senate for a vote.

Sincerely,



Don Turner, President