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RE: AB 153

Steve Yeager, Chair
Assembly Judiciary Committee
Nevada State Assembly

Nichole Cannizzaro
Senate Judiciary Committee
Nevada State Senate

Dear Chairs Yeager and Cannizzaro,

The Nevada Firearms Coalition **Opposes AB 153** for the following reasons:

Proposed changes to NRS 202.300 are the addition of the following:

5. Unless a greater penalty is provided pursuant to subsection 2, a person is guilty of a misdemeanor who:

(a) Negligently stores or leaves a firearm at a location under his or her control; and

(b) Knows or has reason to know that there is a substantial risk that a child prohibited from handling or having in his or her possession or under his or her control any firearm pursuant to this section may obtain such a firearm.

(a) Negligently stores or leaves a firearm at a location under his or her control

- The intention is vague in that it doesn't define "negligently." It doesn't specify whether the act of "store" or "leave" pertains to the control of the firearm or to the control of the location or both.


(b) Knows or has reason to know that there is a substantial risk that a child prohibited from handling or having in his or her possession or under his or her control any firearm pursuant to this section may obtain such a firearm.

- "Substantial risk" is vague. Does it mean that a firearm owner is in a location where he or she knows there are children under 18 years present who might have access to a firearm? Or does it mean any area a child may access without knowledge of the firearm owner? If a home without children is subject to burglary by persons younger than 18 and the

firearms are not secured, does that constitute a violation? How about adults who carry concealed with a permit. With this prohibit them from legal carry if children are present?

According to Clark County METRO sources, burglary and theft of firearms is shown to be a significant source of illegal firearms. Suicide with firearms by at-risk persons is another issue that can be addressed by secure firearms storage.

Sincerely,



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