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The Honorable Tick Segerblom
Senate Judiciary Committee, Chairman

Re: Senate Bill 124 – OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Segerblom:

On behalf of the Nevada members of the National Rifle Association, we strongly oppose Senate Bill 124.

SB 124 would expand the prohibited persons category beyond what is currently covered under federal law. Further, this bill takes away judicial discretion in deciding whether to attach firearms disqualifications to certain protective orders and it complicates the process of removing firearms in the event that a person becomes a prohibited possessor.

Under current law, if an individual is deemed a prohibited possessor, the court can designate a third party to whom all firearms can be relinquished. SB 124 would eliminate this option and require that all firearms be surrendered to either law enforcement or a licensed firearms dealer within twenty-four hours. This complicates matters as an individual could be charged under federal law while surrendering firearms pursuant to state law. By surrendering firearms, an individual is forced to admit to a violation of federal law, and doing so would violate a person's right to be free from self-incrimination under the Fifth Amendment. (*United States v. Hancock*, 231 F.3d 557, 567 (9th Cir. 2000))

Furthermore, individuals with firearms that are antiques, or family heirlooms, that have been passed down for generations should be able to renounce them to a family member designated by the court.

Thank you for your attention and I ask that you please oppose this bill.

Cordially,

Daniel S. Reid
State Liaison