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The Honorable Steve Yeager
Chair, Assembly Judiciary Committee

Re: Senate Bill 387 – OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Yeager:

On behalf of the Nevada members of the National Rifle Association, we strongly oppose Senate Bill 387.

SB 387 would allow for certain protective orders to remove your Second Amendment rights - not because of a criminal conviction or mental adjudication, but based on third party allegations and evidentiary standards below those normally required for removing constitutional rights. Additionally, these protective orders lack due process as firearms and ammunition are required to be surrendered immediately - long before a hearing may take place.

Constitutional rights are generally restricted only upon conviction of a felony. The reasons for this are two-fold. It limits restrictions on constitutional rights to only the most serious offenses, and, perhaps more importantly, felony convictions provide greater procedural protections to the accused, which results in more reliable convictions. The Right to Keep and Bear Arms should not be treated as a second-class right and should be restricted only upon conviction of a felony like other rights.

Further, if an individual is truly dangerous, *existing law already provides a variety of mechanisms* to deal with the individual, all of which can lead to firearm prohibitions in appropriate cases. The issuance of a protective order does nothing to deal with the underlying cause of dangerousness, nor does it subject the person to any actual physical restraint, ongoing reporting or monitoring requirements, or treatment for any underlying mental health condition.

Finally, this bill would do nothing to prevent future tragedies. This law is limited to firearms and ignores the fact that individuals can use other types of deadly weapons to inflict harm. Furthermore, no law can give police, or even family members, increased insight into human behavior and motivation.

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

Cordially,

Daniel S. Reid
State Liaison