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Chair Tick Segerblom  
Senate Judiciary Committee

RE: Judiciary Committee Hearing SB115

Dear Judiciary Chair Segerblom:

Please accept these comments for the record for your hearing on SB115 that will be heard on February 28, 2013.

The Nevada Firearms Coalition **strongly opposes** the passage of this bill through your committee.

Citizens of the State of Nevada exercise their Nevada and National Constitutional rights by owning and possessing firearms. Current Nevada law prohibits firearms on specifically named public properties. This bill adds public libraries to that list of prohibited locations. We strongly oppose this bill for the following three reasons.

1. This bill will endanger public safety as it adds another "safe zone" to areas where firearms are already prohibited. Recent events show that these areas are the ones selected for abuse by people with criminal intentions to harm others. According to Crime Prevention Research center from 1950 to July 2016, 98.4% of mass shootings have occurred in gun free zones. This bill just makes more places "unsafe" for the public and exposes our children to increased risk.
2. This bill includes the parking lots of public libraries and creates places where people possessing firearms are not allowed to secure their lawfully possessed firearms in their vehicles while visiting a public facility.
3. Libraries offer classroom training spaces. It is known that firearms safety training **REDUCES** firearms accidents. By banning firearms from public libraries, this also bans the use of public classrooms for firearms safety training, firearms suicide prevention training and hunter education training. The national hunter safety and education program proves that firearms safety training is effective in eliminating firearms accidents.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Settelmeyer  
Nicole Cannizzaro - Vice Chair  
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*The Nevada Firearms Coalition is dedicated to the safe use of firearms for self-defense, competition, recreation and hunting. We are the statewide Nevada grassroots organization representing the firearms owners of Nevada. Our membership includes individuals, gun clubs, community organizations, and retail firearm corporations and ranges. We are the State Association for the National Rifle Association, and a member of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, USA Shooting and the Civilian Marksman Program.*