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Governor Brian Sandoval
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Dear Governor Sandoval,

On behalf of the Stillwater Firearms Association membership (nearly 800 strong in 10 Nevada counties,) respectfully request your assistance in restoring the NICS exemption for Nevada's CCW permittees.

As you know, Assembly Bill 282 became effective July 1, 2011. Section 2 of AB-282 was written to specifically address a BATFE requirement in order to restore the NICS exemption for Nevada's CCW permittees.

The Nevada Sheriffs and Chiefs Association, a Nevada non-profit corporation, has indicated they must vote on whether or not to request the NICS exemption from the BATFE. The NSCA indicated they would conduct such a vote at their July 21, 2011 meeting, however they failed to conduct a vote. The NSCA has further indicated the subject would be placed on the agenda for their next meeting in September 2011.

We have been unable to ascertain why the NSCA believes they must conduct a vote. While the January 5, 2006 exemption was temporary (pending amendment of Nevada law) and required action from all 17 sheriffs, the current situation is much different. AB-282 corrected Nevada law to meet Federal requirements and NSCA action should not be required.

In view of the fact a portion of AB-282 was enacted specifically to amend Nevada law to meet BATFE requirements for the NICS exemption, it is unconscionable the NSCA has delayed the NICS exemption restoration for over 50,000 Nevada CCW permittees. In fact, the NSCA supported AB-282.

In the May 11, 2011 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, Mr. Frank Adams, Executive Director and paid lobbyist, Nevada Sheriffs and Chiefs Association, testified:

Quote

"I represent the 17 elected sheriffs who are responsible for administering this program. We have approximately 49,000 CCW permit holders in Nevada. We have worked with these issues for several sessions. The four *issues the bill deals with*—categorical qualification, *background checks*, confidentiality and State parks—*will go a long way in helping us serve our citizens in Nevada.*"

"In 2004, the ATF looked at Nevada's CCW program and because of the tragedy of September 11, 2001, some changes were made to the process. We did not change the way we were doing business as far as background checks, so the ATF removed that exemption. The ATF required us to include the language in A.B. 282 to get that exemption back. *Once this bill passes, the Nevada Sheriffs and Chiefs*

Association will petition the ATF to reinstate our exemption. It has said this language is needed to reinstate that exemption. When the exemption is reinstated, you will not have to pay for the Brady check when you purchase a weapon if you are a CCW permit holder.”

“Once the bill [AB-282] passes, we must apply to the ATF for the exemption. That will not happen overnight. *We will make the request as quickly as we can*, but I do not know how long it will take for ATF to reinstate the exemption. *It has approved the language.*”

Unquote

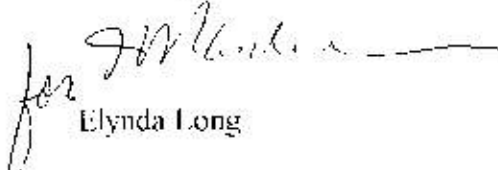
Further, Assemblyman Ocegüera stated in testimony, same date, “An effective date of July 1 [for AB-282] would make sense. *We have talked to the ATF. They are aware of this. They had talked about a May implementation date based on the language.*”

Please see enclosed documents for more background/history.

Respectfully request a letter from you to the BATFE requesting reinstatement of the NICS exemption for Nevada’s CCW permittees.

Should you need more information, please don’t hesitate to contact me at (775) 867-2224 or SFA Legislative Action Committee Chairman CPO J. L. Rhodes, USN(RIF) at (775) 427-4563.

Sincerely,


for Elynda Long

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Incorporated in 1979, Stillwater Firearms Association is a Nevada nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting public interest, skill, proper training and education in the use of firearms; promoting public interest and skill in the sport of target shooting, firearms rights and the adoption of legislation adhering to Article I, Section 11 of the Nevada Constitution and the 2nd Amendment to the U. S. Constitution; and promoting healthy and social recreation for the members of the corporation as well as for the public at large. SFA is affiliated with the National Rifle Association, Civilian Marksmanship Program, United States Practical Shooting Association, and International Confederation of Revolver Enthusiasts.