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The Honorable John Lee  
Chair, Senate Governmental Affairs Committee  
401 South Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Senator Lee:

I would like to take this time to register my support for your measure, Senate Bill 231, otherwise known as the Nevada Campus Protection Act.

The issue of law-abiding Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW) permit holders being granted the authority to carry their firearms on the grounds of an institute of higher education is one that I am very familiar with. As you may know, this was an on-going debate in Utah for several years and as such, I have heard every argument on both sides of the matter.

The state of Utah has a proud heritage of trusting its CCW permit holders as some of the most law-abiding, respectful citizens in the state. Permit holders can carry in schools from kindergarten through college and there has not been a single incident that resulted from an individual legally in possession of a firearm on one of our campuses, despite the litany of hypothetical scenarios that have been presented by law enforcement officials and college administrators alike.

I can say with confidence, based on my years of experience dealing with this very issue, that allowing CCW permit holders a choice in their manner of self-defense, has made the nine Utah college campuses and universities that allow firearms on campus, safer as a result. I would encourage you and your colleagues in the Legislature to do the same.

Cordially,

Mark L. Shurtleff  
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