

# THE FIRING LINE

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## Nevada Firearms Coalition

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### President's Report

### Through the Spotting Scope

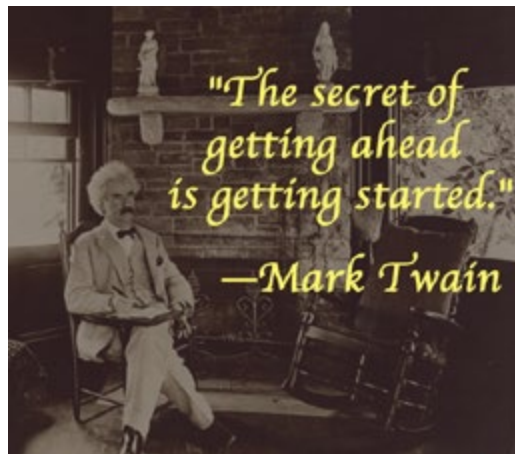


As you read this issue of *The Firing Line*, we are deeply involved in the Nevada 2017 legislative session. Now that the majority of the legislature has switched over to the other side, our challenge is to protect the positive firearms gains we made in the last several sessions. Did you notice two critical words that were used in the previous two sentences? Want to take a guess? They are WE and OUR. That means ALL OF US MEMBERS of the Nevada Firearms Coalition.

Through our three organizations, the Nevada Firearms Coalition, the Nevada Firearms Coalition PAC and the Nevada Firearms Foundation, WE are implementing many new activities strategies and tactics to ensure the preservation of our freedoms, increased events and increased benefits for membership. Make no mistake that we are a growing organization and our presence

is being felt in many places. Remember that we are a volunteer organization. That means that we need assistance from our members to implement our programs, raise money for our projects, and respond to requests for assistance.

Very frequently I get a call from someone who complains, "Why don't you do this?" or "Why don't you do that?" The most recent one was concerning our initiation of women's shooting program at the Clark County Shooting Complex. No



sooner than we posted it than I received a phone call from someone complaining that "we weren't offering that program in the Reno area." This discussion reminded me of the Biblical passage: "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." To those who complain about what

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*Dedicated to the ownership and safe use of firearms for self defense, competition, recreation and hunting.*

(President - Continued from Page 1) WE'VE failed to do or what WE should do I say, "If you are not part of the solution, you may be part of the problem."

So please step forward and volunteer your time, talent or treasure, but please do something! The time for "turtle shooters" is over. Get out of your shell, get off the reloading bench and help. BUT since you are already members,

you have already taken the first step-- so get your shooting buddies to join and help out. Also, go to our PAC page and sign up for our ALERTS. Be informed and stay involved.

**Thanks and keep the faith....**

**For Freedom**

**Don Turner, President**

**Nevada Firearms Coalition**

## Range & Retail Division Range & Retail Division Range

**S**un Tzu, the famous Chinese strategist, discussed the relationship between tactics and strategy. This is an important concept

for us to remember as we work towards protecting our rights and growing our sport. Shooting

ranges are critical for places for people to shoot and enjoy their sport. In addition gun stores are necessary for the procurement of goods and services for the shooters to continue to practice their sport.

Unfortunately, many ranges and retail dealers do not appreciate how important they are for the future of shooting sports in this state. They have the "tactics" of providing shooting opportunities and shooting merchandise, but many do not appreciate the "strategy" of having a dedicated recreational shooting population or a strong state association.

*"Strategy without tactics is the slowest route to victory."*

*"Tactics without Strategy is the noise before defeat."*

*Sun Tzu*



It is important that ranges, gun clubs and gun stores all become members of the Nevada Firearms Coalition and help support our activities

and strategies. After all, ranges, gun clubs, gun stores and gun shows are where a vast majority of shooters practice and enjoy their support.

The next time you go to your local range, gun club or gun store, please look for NVFAC member decals, member applications and ask them if they are a NVFAC Club or Corporate member. If not, ask them to

join. Every range, club and gun store should be a club or corporate member of NVFAC. As members, please spread the word because tactics without strategy leads to defeat.

**Adam Taylor, Director**

**NVFAC Range & Retail Division**

## Membership Division Membership Division Membersh

### Apathy Still An Issue For New Signups

**F**or the past 8 years under a tyrannical "gun grabbing" president, gun ownership across the United States has skyrocketed due to fear that the government at any time could decide to violate our Second Amendment rights. Billions of dollars have flowed into the economy for shiny new firearms and ammunition.

A recent report by the National Shooting Sports Foundation states that gun

ownership during the Obama Administration since 2008 actually grew by 158%. The (NSSF), the trade association for firearms manufacturers, reported that the total economic impact of the firearms and ammunition industry in the U.S. increased from \$19.1 billion in 2008 to \$49.3 billion in 2015.

Gun purchases by women are up. Historically, there

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(Membership - Continued from Page 2) has been a significant gender divide regarding gun control. However, according to a Pew Research Center report in 2012, there was a 9-point increase in the number of women declaring their support for gun rights between 2008 and 2012. Experts believe there is a correlation between more women feeling empowered by gun ownership and shifting their perspective on gun control.

This is all great news for pro-gun organizations like NVFAC right? Well, yes to a degree. With all the new found appreciation for the right to keep and bear arms, you would think that gun owners, especially new gun owners, would be rushing to sign up for a membership to a pro-gun organization that exists solely for the purpose of protecting their right to keep and own that shiny new firearm and to provide essential training and support. If owning a gun is critically important, and millions of Americans believe it is, then you would think that having the right to lawfully keep and effectively use it would be equally important.

However, while our membership is increasing this year and I expect it to continue to increase substantially, there is still an unacceptable level of apathy among gun owners when it comes to taking the necessary steps to protecting their Second Amendment rights. It seems that if you recognize the need to own a gun for self-protection or sport, you would also be motivated to learn the proper use of that firearm and you would want to take the obvious steps to make sure you can still lawfully own it when and if an

emergency need to use it should ever arise.

There's no time like the present to take the next step toward responsible gun ownership. Becoming a member of NVFAC is a simple procedure that takes about 5 minutes and 25 bucks to do your part as a gun owner by supporting the premier pro-gun organization in the state. Yet some people just don't recognize the urgency in becoming part of the solution. They don't seem to have the bandwidth to comprehend that responsible gun ownership doesn't end with a gun purchase. The opposition, (those who would disarm you if allowed to do so) are at work day and night to accomplish just that. Without a strong and thriving organization like Nevada Firearms Coalition the anti-gun crowd will eventually have their way.

I believe what we need are creative ways to reach apathetic gun owners in this state while understanding all of the reasons why people resist taking the next step to becoming a responsible gun owner. Then countering those

excuses with solid facts and rational arguments to help them understand how critical and how fragile their gun rights really are. With the opposition working overtime to steal your rights away, in my opinion to purchase and own firearms in the State of Nevada without signing up to become a member of NVFAC is like building your dream house without purchasing any insurance to protect it. It's only a matter of time.

**Brian Shoemake, Director**

**NVFAC Membership Division**



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## Why We Fight To Defend The Second Amendment

Many people have asked why I am so passionate about my defense of the Second Amendment. There are many reasons why. First, I believe that Self-Defense is one of our most basic, fundamental, universal human rights. Second, I believe in the wisdom of our Founding Fathers and the U.S. Constitution. Third, I truly believe in the saying, "If guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns."

However, if I had to point to one experience that was beginning of my love and defense of the Second Amendment it would be a memorable time from my high school years. It was April 29, 1992 and I was a high school junior in Los Angeles County. A jury trial had just acquitted four Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers of the use of excessive force in the videotaped beating of Rodney King. This resulted in what became known as the 1992 Los Angeles Riots. The vicinity of South Central Los Angeles experienced multiple incidents of rioting, looting, arson, assault, killings and property damage over the course of six days.

I am a Korean-American born and raised in the United States. My parents arrived in America in the 1960s. Many of our friends and relatives were Koreans and Korean-Americans who owned businesses in and around South Central Los Angeles. My father and uncle ran an escrow office on 8th Street in an area close to South Central Los Angeles. The LAPD and other law enforcement agencies were unable to contain the so-called civil disturbances. Many business owners were 1st and 2nd generation immigrants who had poured all the money they had into their businesses. My father and uncle were part of these immigrants who could not afford to lose their businesses nor for an insurance settlement.

Many of these Korean and Korean-American business owners and their employees, friends and families exercised their Second Amendment rights by using firearms to protect their life, their liberty and their property. My father was one of these Americans. I remember feeling grateful that we lived in a country that allowed its citizens to protect their lives and their property in the face of these so-called civil disturbances. That is the day when I decided to that 2nd Amendment was one of America's most sacred rights.

But, the fight is not over my friends. Just today I read in the Las Vegas Review-Journal that a law firm has requested Public Records regarding the temporarily suspended Question 1 and that a Clark County Election Official, Joe Gloria, is seeking to ban firearms at all Nevada polling places. In order for us to defend the Second Amendment in Nevada, we need funds. So please help us with our upcoming fundraising activities:

### **NVFAC ATF Raffle**

#### **(Southern and Northwest Divisions)**

NVFAC Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Raffle (Not affiliated with the Federal Government). We will be selling a limited supply of 1,000 tickets at \$10 apiece for the chance to win a firearm, alcohol and cigars. Check our web page for details. These raffles are to raise funds for our efforts in Carson City.

We not only need everyone to help us by buying tickets, but also to get out there and sell tickets as well. So if you work or meet with a lot of people who would be interested in buying tickets for this raffle, PLEASE CONTACT ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE at [kevin@nvfac.org](mailto:kevin@nvfac.org) or 702-416-3563.

Thanks to Jan of Guns & Guitars, Inc., 1085 W. Pioneer Blvd., Suite 170, Mesquite, NV 89028 for already agreeing to publicize and help us sell raffle tickets for the Southern Division. Way to go Jan!

### **Development Committee Volunteers**

We need volunteers for the Development Committee. Members will be helping the Nevada Firearms Coalition in their Fundraising activities throughout the year. Please contact me at [Kevin@nvfac.org](mailto:Kevin@nvfac.org) or 702-416-3563.

### **Patriots' Day Banquet**

Our Annual Patriots' Day Banquet is coming up on April 29, 2017. This is to raise money for our Foundation activities (education, training, competition, conservation), so we need donations of money and prizes. Please contact me if you have suggestions, connections for guest speakers or donations. Donations are tax deductible.

**Kevin Kam, Director**  
**NVFAC Development Division**

## Northwest Division Report

Well we made it to 2017 and dodged a "Bloomberg Bullet". Let's see, after the "Bloomies" spent over \$20M of mostly outsider's money on the Q1 election and getting only a 9K vote margin, the law is on the books but it can't be enforced. We'll need to work on getting rid of it in 3 years when the legislature can address it. It will be important that we get a good pro-rights legislature when that time comes.

The 2017 legislative session should be interesting. We will likely be on the defense and offense this session. Being in the Northwest, we have the advantage that our Capitol is not too far to go to make our opinions heard and that clearly counts when the numbers are large.

We will be launching an important drawing

in the weeks to come. The drawing will be for a very unique custom made rifle (donated by Special Interest Arms in Gardnerville), or wine or cigars. Hmm, all the stuff that is regulated by the ATF. Maybe we should call it an "ATF Drawing".

The proceeds for this drawing will all go to the Nevada Firearms Coalition PAC, doing the work needed to fight for our rights. Residents in all counties adjoining Washoe will be able to participate. Sorry others can't. It's not our fault, it is the law in Nevada. If you would like to get involved contact me at [john@nvfac.org](mailto:john@nvfac.org). We will definitely need help getting the drawing tickets sold in the short term.

**John Jorgensen, Director  
NVFAC Northwest Division**

## Southern Division Report

As we alluded to in the previous issue of The Firing Line, we're ramping up our presence at Las Vegas Valley gun shows. The volunteers staffing the booth have been spreading the word about the final disposition of Question 1 and encouraging them to remain engaged through this legislative session and to join NVFAC! Signing up new members has been brisk, but we need your help in several areas to maintain the momentum we gained during the fight against Question 1.

Remember the old adage - "many hands make light work"? In this case we primarily need volunteers to man the booth at gun shows - nearly 25 this year! We staff them with 2 people for each of the morning and afternoon shifts on each day. It's a great chance to meet new friends while extolling the virtues of NVFAC membership and civic activism. If you are interested, email your contact info to Dan Painter at [dpainter@nvfac.org](mailto:dpainter@nvfac.org).

Everyone likes a challenge; right? Here's one for the next 60 days... We all know folks who are just getting into shooting for a variety of reasons and many of them reached out to us for information and advice. Shooting is the fun part of gun ownership and each of us needs to ensure these new gun owners understand the ongoing need and responsibility to join NVFAC

in order to protect their NV gun rights.

It's easy, just go to: <https://www.nvfac.org/join/> and sign them up. Set up a link to this on your smartphone and have interested parties go to the site and join; it really is that easy. Many will come up with a variety of excuses and that's where you get to shine by telling them of the need to become an NVFAC member in supporting NV gun rights for ALL of us.

Don't forget to spread the word about the Annie Oakley Sure Shots program starting in April. A brief refresher - it's an entirely free program open to women 14 and older. It includes an hour-long training class, free use of a 22 firearm, and 250 rounds of 22LR ammo. All the shooter has to bring is eye and ear protection and a willingness to learn. It'll be held every Tuesday night starting on April 25 at the Clark County Shooting Complex. At the end of the program, we'll have a new group of women shooters ready to expand into other aspects of our sport. In the short time this program has been introduced, I've been amazed with the response I've gotten from lady shooters. Volunteers are always welcome (and needed)! For more information, contact Matt Hennager at [matt@nvfac.org](mailto:matt@nvfac.org).

Preliminary indications of the legislature's 2A intent, based (Continued on Page 6 - Southern)

(Southern - Continued from Page 5) upon a few bills being presented so far, look to set back NV gun rights. Stay current with legislative action and make sure your voice is heard by your representatives. Let them know what your expectations of them are and let them know how well they served you; good and bad. There may be opportunities to attend sessions where a significant turnout for pro-2A legislation may be the key to passage. Don't miss out on an

opportunity to have a huge impact on our future. That's it for this month. Please spread the word far and wide by making sure you "like us" on Facebook, as well as keeping new memberships in mind when you're with other shooters. We're going to have to work together to keep our gun rights!

**Matt Hennager, Director  
NVFAC Southern Division**

## Nevada Firearms Coalition Foundation

### Education & Training Division Education & Training Div

The NVFAC Education & Training Division started 2017 with a bang. On January 28th the first Coalition sponsored NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting Phase 2 course was completed with 7 students and 4 volunteer instructors. All 7 students passed the course with 4 shooting the pistol instructor qualification.

On January 29th the fun continued when NVFAC hosted the year's first FREE range day for Coalition members with Revere's Riders simultaneously holding a rifle/pistol competition. The 29th was capped off when a new coalition member brought his son to the range for his 15th birthday to introduce him to pistol shooting. Two of the NVFAC volunteer instructors stepped in to ensure the young man's first shots were safe and accurate. Both father and son left with a feeling of accomplishment and gratitude. The NRA basic firearms course, free range time and firearm competition on the 28th & 29th are a glimpse of future events planned throughout the year for Coalition members.

It is my opinion that to get anywhere you need to have goals. Two of the goals I trust the Education & Training Division will accomplish

are educating NVFAC members on the safe, responsible use and storage of firearms and increasing the knowledge and skill of NRA Instructors.

NRA Basic Firearm courses will be at the core of educating the Coalition's membership. NRA Instructors and Range Safety Officers (RSOs) are needed to conduct these courses. NVFAC has an Instructor Agreement that NRA Instructors and RSOs may sign up to teach under the Coalition's business license and insurance. This plan allows for low cost basic NRA courses to Coalition members and provides a means for instructors who are inactive due to lack of resources or confidence the ability to instruct alongside experienced instructors.

NVFAC currently has 28 more shooting events scheduled for 2017. All Coalition members are encouraged to become involved with the Coalition's shooting programs. Information on scheduled events and becoming a volunteer Instructor or RSO may be found on the Coalition's website, [www.nvfac.org](http://www.nvfac.org).

**Russ Martin, Director  
NVFAC Education and Training Division**

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# Conservation Division Conservation Division Conserv

Recently I bumped into my old friend Shane Mahoney at the Dallas Safari Club hunter gathering and was thrilled to learn of his support for the NVFAC and especially our education efforts for general NV firearms public. He has agreed to share his conservation educational insight and we may be able to convince him to write an article or two for us on conservation. I invited Shane to speak at an Arizona Mule Deer Association wildlife banquet over 20 years ago and little has changed in my opinion; he is the greatest conservation promoter in the last 75 years, and would have shared the stage with his mentors Teddy Roosevelt, Aldo Leopold, George Bird Grinnell, and Gifford Pinchot. He is widely recognized as a wildlife biologist, conservationist, and thought leader. In 2001, he founded and subsequently led the Institute for Biodiversity, Ecosystem Science and Sustainability, an organization that continues to fund graduate student research at universities throughout North America and Europe. Today, Shane is the founder and CEO of Conservation Visions Inc., a private company and global wildlife initiative that has recently announced the launch of the Wild Harvest Initiative, a multi-year project that will measure and analyze the biomass of wild animal protein harvested each year by citizens of the U.S. and Canada, assessing both its nutritional and economic value, as well as the ecological and financial costs of replacing this food through standard agricultural and domestic livestock production.

The video below describes the relevance of hunting in our modern society and is worthy of understanding and discussion as firearms owners both hunters and non hunters are linked to the amazing modern miracle of [North American Wildlife Conservation Model](#). In part through our joint support of a self-

imposed taxation called\*Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (also known as the Pittman-Robertson Act (PR)) which became law in 1937. Key Denison Pittman happened to be a Nevada Senator in office from 1913 –1940. The revenue generated from the excise tax is apportioned to state wildlife agencies for conservation efforts for all species both game and non game, hunter's education and shooting projects and programs. Since the program's inception, over \$10.1 billion has been collected from manufacturers and awarded to states through PR making the firearms and ammunition industry America's largest contributor to conservation and access.

Over the past 75 years, PR revenue has helped to rebuild the population of numerous species and extend their ranges farther than they were in the 1930s. How does the Pittman-Robertson Act work? The excise tax is set at 11% of the wholesale price for long guns and ammunition and 10% of the wholesale price for handguns. The excise tax applies basically to all commercial sales and imports whether their purpose is for shooting, hunting or personal defense and is paid by manufacturers, producers and importers. The tax is currently administered by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) in the Department of the Treasury, which turns the funds over to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The distribution of the funds is set by a formula. First, \$8 million is utilized for Enhanced Hunter Education programs, including the construction or maintenance of public target ranges. Second, \$3 million is set aside for projects that require cooperation among the states. Third, one-half of the excise tax collected on handguns are set aside for Basic Hunter Education programs. In most cases, states must match at least 25% of a project's cost. The remainder of the trust fund



Shane Mahoney and Julius Fortuna



is then divided in half with 50% allocated in proportion to the area of the state and 50% in proportion to the number of paid hunting licenses in the state relative to paid hunting licenses in the entire country

### Why is Pittman-Robertson so effective?

Pittman-Robertson creates a direct link between those that hunt and participate in the shooting sports and the resources needed to expand and enhance opportunities to hunt and shoot. Known as the North American model of wildlife conservation, this user pays-public benefit model is extremely successful because sportsmen and women and the industries that serve them have always been willing to pay extra to enhance, expand and protect America's hunting, shooting and conservation heritage!

\*National Shooting Sports Foundation

**Julius Fortuna, Director  
NVFAC Conservation Division**



### Video

Shane Mahoney: Is Hunting Relevant Today?

Conservation Visions

Published on Jul 4, 2016

Shane Mahoney discusses the relevance of hunting in this day and age. The debate surrounding respect for the lives and deaths of all animals is incredibly important and hunting should and must be a part of this debate. Accusations that hunting is cruel and wasteful often stem from a lack of knowledge of the activity itself, its history of and ongoing contributions to wildlife conservation. Learn more at

<http://www.conservationvisions.com>

<https://www.youtu.be/ik1WdI2HLGc>

## 2017 SHOT Show factoids

The 2017 Shooting Hunting Outdoor Trade (SHOT) Show, the largest annual gathering of firearm manufacturers, retailers, wholesalers, media and law enforcement/military procurement personnel officially began Tuesday, January 17, in Las Vegas and ran until Friday, January 20. All the latest and greatest in tactical guns and gear were unveiled. Here are some factoids you might find entertaining.

- **1,600**—Exhibitors this year
- **46.37**—Number of booths per hour a person would have to visit to see them all during the show. That person would have 1 minute, 18 seconds at each booth in order to stay on schedule, seeing 18,261 square feet of floor space every hour.
- **64,000**—Number of professionals

squeezing into the Sands Expo Center during the event

- **100+**—Number of countries attendees call home
- **630,000**—Square footage covered by the SHOT Show floor
- **12.5**—Miles of aisles
- **2,400**—Media attendees
- **6,600,000**—Weight, in pounds, of exhibits brought in for the 2016 SHOT Show
- **250**—Concessionaires on hand to feed attendees
- **1979**—The year when the first SHOT Show took place in St. Louis, MO

**By George**





## Legislative Affairs Division

### Game On!

The 2017 Nevada Legislative session is upon us. The Democrats in control of the Assembly and Senate have already filed several anti-Second Amendment Bill Draft Requests (BDRs), with more likely to come. Fortunately, they are not catching us unaware. As we mentioned last issue, we have engaged a new lobbyist, Randi Thompson, who is well known to legislators on both sides of the aisle in Carson City due to her considerable experience in lobbying at both the State of Nevada and federal levels.

Our legislative team is already hard at work analyzing potential legislation, strengthening our early warning system against new attacks, renewing contacts with the Governor's office and with surviving legislators from previous sessions, making the acquaintance of friendly new legislators, strengthening our working relations with like-minded people and groups, and in general doing our due diligence to make sure we can go on the legislative offensive where possible, and mount a good defense

where necessary.

While the Democrats, who are often (but not always) anti-Second Amendment, control both chambers, they do not have super-majorities, meaning they do not have the votes to over-ride a veto from Governor Sandoval, and they need Republican votes to pass financial bills including a budget. That gives us some leverage, which we hope to use to good advantage as we play the cards we've been dealt this time around.

Our highest cards include you, our members, and like-minded patriots. We will need you and your help more than ever if we are to preserve the historic gains for the Second Amendment we made last session, and move gun rights forward whenever the opportunity presents itself this session. I have said before how you can help, but it bears repeating:

- Pay attention to legislative issues.
- Stay informed.
- Encourage like-minded citizens to do the same.
- Be diligent and smart about contacting legislators when necessary.
- Read and heed our legislative alerts, and forward them to like-minded people so they can do the same.
- Please donate as generously as you can to the NVFAC-PAC, which pays for our efforts to protect your rights.

If we hang together, we are much less likely to see our rights diminished. Together, we have much more political clout than we do as individuals. With your help, we can survive an unfriendly political climate in this cycle's legislative session and emerge in June with our rights intact, and quite possibly enhanced.

Thank you for all you do in support of the Second Amendment! We cannot be successful without you!

**Yours In Liberty**  
**Duncan Rand Mackie**  
**Vice-President**  
**NVFAC-PAC Legislative Affairs Division**





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Dedicated to defending our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights to the Ownership & Safe Use of Firearms for Self-Defense, Competition, Recreation & Hunting

February 14, 2017

### Nevada Firearms Coalition Statement on Nevada Legislative Committee Rejection of Proposed Rifle Cartridge Ban

The Nevada Firearms Coalition issued the following statement in response to the Nevada Legislative Committee's rejection of the Nevada Wildlife Commission's proposed rifle cartridge ban for hunting big game.

In April and in October 2016, the Nevada Firearms Coalition on behalf of its members, filed formal letters of opposition to the rule. Despite public opposition, in September 2016, the Wildlife Commission voted to move forward with the ban. The NRA, the Fifty Caliber Association and many other hunting and gun rights groups also objected to the proposed rule. Our letter stated in part: Our Conservation Director Julius Fortuna testified against this bill in front of the Commission.

"Last month the Nevada Wildlife Commission approved a ban on all centerfire rifle cartridges with a case length of three inches or longer for hunting big game. This was done in spite of many letters of opposition and testimony against it.

"During the commission meeting, the chief game warden stated that he checked the complaint letters against the hunter data base and discounted all input from out of state and from non hunters. This was an interesting action, because the Wildlife Commission has always considered the input of non hunters when making rules.

"The Nevada Firearms Coalition is taking the position that the Commission exceed their authority granted it by the legislature to make rules and regulations by passing a rule prohibiting rifle calibers without any documented need, justification nor reasons for the rule.

"Their rule making authority is established per NRS 501.105 which states *The Commission shall establish policies and adopt regulations necessary to the preservation, protection, management and restoration of wildlife and its habitat.* They did not justify nor provide documentation on how limiting center fire rifle cartridges three inches or longer is necessary for the preservation, protection, nor management of wildlife."

Rules promulgated by State Agencies and Commissions must be approved by the Nevada Legislative Committee. During its hearing of the rule, the committee rejected the rule. The Nevada Firearms Coalition applauds the Nevada Legislative Committee for their action in rejecting this over reaching and unjustified propose rule.

Learn more about the Nevada Firearms Coalition and their legislative outreach at [www.NVFACPAC.org](http://www.NVFACPAC.org).

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