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Assembly Committee on Judiciary
C/O AsmNR@asm.state.nv.us
Nevada Legislature
401 S. Carson St.
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: AB 355, an act relating to firearms

Dear Chairperson Miller and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the changes proposed in AB 355, an act related to firearms.

SCI **opposes** the provisions contained in AB 355. AB 355 would restrict potential hunters under the age of 21 from possessing or controlling a semiautomatic shotgun or semiautomatic centerfire rifle. Semiautomatic shotguns are the most popular firearm type for waterfowl hunting, a typical pathway for introducing new hunters to hunting, and semiautomatic centerfire rifles have grown in popularity over the last 20 years in the hunting arena. This bill will undoubtedly have a disparate impact on the recruitment of younger and new hunters and ultimately impact conservation and funding of conservation.

SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes in AB 355. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and is always first for hunters!

Sincerely,

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President
Safari Club International