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The Honorable Steve Yeager
Speaker of the Nevada State Assembly
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Re: Assembly Bill 245 of the 83rd Legislative Session

Dear Speaker Yeager:

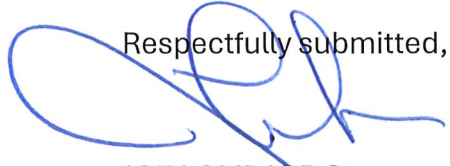
I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 245 ("AB 245"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to firearms; prohibiting a person who is less than 21 years of age from possessing certain firearms; making it unlawful to aid or knowingly permit a person who is less than 21 years of age to possess a firearm under certain circumstances; prohibiting the sale or barter of certain firearms to a person who is less than 21 years of age; revising provisions relating to the storage of a firearm; revising provisions relating to the handling, possession or control of a firearm by certain children; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Last session, I vetoed Assembly Bill 355 which was strikingly similar to this bill. In some ways, this bill goes even further than last session's bill by also making it a Category B felony to sell or barter a firearm to a person under the age of 21. Additionally, this bill is facially overbroad because, among other reasons, it would prohibit the most commonly used firearm for waterfowl hunting—semi-automatic shotguns—from use by young people who enjoy a much safer and easier shooting experience when they use a semi-automatic weapon.

Finally, the United States Supreme Court precedent on which my previous veto message was based has not been disturbed. As stated two years ago, "were this bill to become law, it is unlikely it would pass constitutional muster."

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,

JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Stavros Anthony, President of the Senate (without enclosure)
The Honorable Nicole Cannizzaro, Senate Majority Leader (without enclosure)
The Honorable Francisco Aguilar, Secretary of State (without enclosure)
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