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Senator John Lee  
Nevada Senate

Dear Senator Lee:

Thank you taking the opportunity to release a letter to the media to share your concerns with me about A.B. 282. I was surprised, however, that you chose to send your letter to the media before I received it. In fact, I still have not formally received your letter but one of the members of the media was kind enough to provide me with a copy.

I want to correct an error in your letter. You suggest that in sponsoring A.B. 282, I am attempting to ingratiate myself with the National Rifle Association. In fact, I have been endorsed by the N.R.A. in every election cycle since 2000 and that is public information. Perhaps in your zest to release your letter to the media, you failed to take the time to carefully check the facts. Interestingly, in my last election, the N.R.A. endorsed me over my opponent, a gun shop owner.

By the tone of your letter, I can tell you are very angry about the legislation I am sponsoring which protects the rights of gun owners all across the state. I do wish I had known about your anger, so we could have talked about it in person. As you know, I am very accessible and I am sure we could have worked out our differences regarding the legislation. I take great pride in the accessibility of Nevada legislators, and I take my responsibility to be accessible to my colleagues very seriously. I'm sorry you felt like you could not take advantage of this. Next time, just give me a call, shoot me an email, or stop by and see me and we can arrange a meeting.

You ask me in your letter to add the names of "the offended Assemblyman legislators" to my bill. As I said in committee, on the record, when the bill was heard, I would gladly add the names of any legislators to my bill. My position has not changed.

As it stands, the primary sponsors of the bill are Assemblyman Bobzien, Assemblywoman Smith, Assemblyman Conklin, Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick, Senator

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Manendo, and I. The legislation is co-sponsored by 16 other legislators, both Democrats and Republicans. Again, anyone who did not sign on when the bill was introduced is welcome to do so.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Ocegüera". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

John Ocegüera  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Assemblyman David Bobzien  
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