



450 MAYORS ASK THE U.S. SENATE: WILL YOU STAND WITH US, OR GUT OUR PUBLIC SAFETY LAWS?

Dear Majority Leader Reid and the Members of the U.S. Senate:

The Senate is now considering dangerous legislation that would usurp the right of states to set their own minimum standards for distributing permits to those who wish to carry a concealed gun. The Thune Concealed Carry Amendment would require states to recognize permits issued in other states, even if those other states have far weaker laws.

We mayors strenuously oppose any federal attempt to strip cities and states of our right to set minimum standards for carrying concealed guns. Doing so would threaten the safety of our police officers, by making it far more difficult for them to separate law-abiding gun owners from common criminals. And it would make it easier for gun traffickers to sell illegally.

Majority Leader Reid: In your own state, the legislature has adopted sensible and constitutional standards for issuing concealed carry permits, including the required completion of a gun safety course approved by the Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association, which consists of a written exam and live-fire training with a certified instructor. Nevada also denies concealed

carry permits to habitual alcohol abusers and people convicted of violent misdemeanors.

The Senate's concealed carry amendment would usurp Nevada law and erase all of its safeguards – as it would for nearly every other state.

Senators: We urge you not to gut your own state's public safety laws. Currently, 35 states deny permits to people convicted of certain misdemeanors; 31 states deny permits to alcohol abusers; and 31 states require applicants to complete gun safety training.

These minimum, common sense standards would effectively be eliminated by the proposed legislation. All concealed carry states would be forced to recognize permits issued by many states with no minimum standards at all.

Today, 450 mayors are asking you to stand with us to protect the public safety laws that your own states have adopted. Doing otherwise would undoubtedly result in the deaths of more innocent Americans.

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