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RE: In Favor Of SB135 in Its Form Passed by the Senate On 4/11/03.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished Assembly:

For the record, my name is Kevin Baily, and I am a 23-year resident of Carson City, Nevada. I come before you today as president of the Carson Fly-Fishing Club, representing our 40 members.

Our members enthusiastically join all law-abiding hunters and ethical sportsmen who are in complete favor of SB135 in its original form passed by the Nevada Senate on 4/11/03.

We do not agree with any amendment that would allow a first time offender for the crime of poaching to be considered a misdemeanor. This very well drafted bill reflects our belief that a crime such as poaching, that robs all Nevadans and Sportsmen, should carry the full consequence of an "E" class felony, first time, every time. We do not make our decision lightly. We understand clearly the effect that a felony conviction will have on the life of the person found guilty. It is time that the criminal poaching element understands what a felony is, as well.

The Sportsmen and Judiciary have waited long enough to have a poaching law with teeth, that clearly spells out that poachers will not be simply given a slap on the hand. That justice will be served, whether the criminal resides in Nevada or any other State. Anything less has very little use.

As this honorable Assembly understands quite well, the English language is one of the most descriptive and specific on the face of the earth. The word "willfully" as used in this Bill, is powerful and essential to the entire Bill. SB 135 is not designed to imprison the law-abiding hunter, but the willful act of a criminal.

Any hunter that is worried about accidentally shooting an unintended target, better be under a partners close supervision, take a hunter's education course quickly, or leave their firearm at home.

To lessen any part of AB135 would only help to exasperate an already difficult, expensive, and over taxed Game Law Enforcement system. Poachers need to fear Nevada instead of laughing at the Game Wardens, Judges, and all Nevadans.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished Assembly, I thank you for your time.

Kevin Baily

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