

NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS

CWA – Local 9110 AFL-CIO

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Re: Pointing firearms at law enforcement officers

Dear Candidate Fiore:

My name is Rick McCann and I am the Executive Director of the Nevada Association of Public Safety Officers (NAPSO), affiliated with the Communications Workers of America (CWA) as Local 9110, AFL-CIO. You and I have met on many occasions as we worked together during the 2015 Legislative session. As you know, we represent more than 1,500 law enforcement professionals across the state, including police officers, Sheriffs' deputies and other jurisdictional officers from the following agencies and divisions:

1. Boulder City Police Protective Association
2. Boulder City Police Supervisors Association
3. Clark County Deputy Sheriffs Association
4. Clark County District Attorney Investigators Association
5. Clark County Juvenile Justice Probation Officers Association
6. Clark County Juvenile Justice Supervisors Association
7. Clark County Park Police Association
8. Clark County School District Police Administrators Association
9. Elko County Deputy Sheriff's Association
10. Elko Police Protective Association
11. Henderson Police Officers Association
12. Henderson Police Supervisors Association
13. Las Vegas Police Officer Supervisors Association
14. Mesquite Police Officers Association
15. Mineral County Public Safety Dispatchers Association
16. Mineral County Sheriffs Association

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17. Nevada State Law Enforcement Officers Association, including:

- Attorney General Investigators
- Brand Inspectors
- DMV Criminal Enforcement Division
- Department of Corrections
- Dept. of Public Safety: Capitol Police Division
- Dept. of Public Safety: Highway Patrol
- Dept. of Public Safety: Investigation Division
- Dept. of Public Safety: Parole & Probation
- Dept. of Public Safety: Office of Prof. Responsibility
- Dept. of Public Safety: State Fire Marshal
- Dept. of Wildlife
- Gaming Control Agents
- Nevada Transportation Authority
- Secretary of State Criminal Investigators
- State Park Rangers
- State Taxicab Authority
- University of Nevada Police -- Las Vegas
- University of Nevada Police -- Reno
- College of Southern Nevada Police Dept.
- Truckee Meadows Comm. College Police Dept.
- Youth Parole Officers

18. Pershing County Law Enforcement Association

19. Storey County Sheriff's Office Employees' Association

20. White Pine County Sheriff's Employees Association

21. Winnemucca Police Officer's Association

In addition, we represent individual officers and supervisors from the following agencies:

1. Clark County School District Police Dept.

2. Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept.

On or about April 30, 2016, when asked by KLAS Channel 8 reporter Steve Sebelius whether you believe citizens have the right to point a gun at a duly authorized law enforcement officer who is lawfully performing their duties, you made the following public comments:

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“I would never ever point my firearm at anyone, including an officer of the law, ***unless they pointed their firearm at me.***” “Once you point your firearm at me, I’m sorry, then it becomes self-defense. Whether you’re a stranger, a bad guy, ***or an officer,*** and you point your gun at me and you’re gonna’ shoot me and I have to decide whether it’s my life or your life, I choose my life.” (Emphasis added).

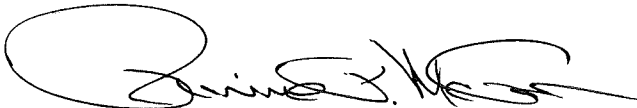
On behalf of the hard working men and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect people like you, me, our families and our friends, and who know too well the risks inherent in any confrontation that involves the brandishing and use of deadly weapons, we denounce your recent position that it is acceptable to point a firearm at a duly authorized law enforcement officer if that officer finds the compelling need to point a gun at you.

Your comments underscore your distortion of the Second Amendment and essentially advise your followers that they may point a firearm at a law enforcement officer with impunity and without life and death consequences. You know full well that any citizen who points a firearm at a law enforcement officer will be met with equal deadly force, thus escalating what could have been a peaceful encounter to a deadly encounter in which citizens and law enforcement officers may be injured or killed.

Ms. Fiore, we no longer see you as a passionate advocate for your Second Amendment rights, which we support. Rather, these comments were utterly irresponsible, an embarrassment to your District and our State, and they continue to demonstrate why you are unqualified to hold the position of United States Congresswoman.

Very truly yours,

NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS



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