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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 23, 2017

TO: Honorable Members of the House Federalism and Interstate Relations Committee

FROM: John Hohenwarter
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RE: House Bill 142

On behalf of the National Rifle Association of America, I would like to advocate our support for House Bill 142. Sponsored by state Representative Scott Wiggam (R-1), House Bill 142 would remove the requirement that a concealed handgun licensee notify a law enforcement officer that they are carrying a concealed handgun when stopped for a law enforcement purpose, like a routine traffic stop.

Under current law, when a concealed handgun licensee comes into contact with a law enforcement officer the individual must immediately inform the law enforcement officer that they are carrying a concealed handgun. Failure to inform law enforcement would result in a misdemeanor crime.

By eliminating this requirement, House Bill 142 is acknowledging a simple human behavior; that when pulled over, most individuals are not thinking about the “duty to inform” requirement. Most are contemplating what particular driving action may have resulted in their detainment, whether it be for speeding or another type of moving violation. To add another element in the “traffic stop” process for the driver is confusing at best and may result in an unintended criminal penalty and an additional fine.

I respectfully ask that you support this common sense legislation. Please feel free to contact me at 703-267-1208 if you have additional questions or concerns. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.