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Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 2:50 PM
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Subject: H206

[From Brigadier General Richard Turner, retired]

Dear Chairman/Senator Lodge –

I am writing to you today in opposition to H206. As a native Idahoan and growing up in a family of hunters I know the risks associated with concealed weapons. Looking back as an 18 year old I don't feel I had the cognitive judgement to carry a concealed weapon.

I spent almost 42 years in the military (Idaho National Guard) and qualified on weapons ever year, as were my brothers in arms. At that time, we were not allowed to carry weapons on Gowen Field (I believe this has changed). We felt there was no valid reason for anyone other than designated security police persons to possess a firearm on base. In fact, we felt it was a danger to our members to have firearms on base if they had to respond to an emergency situation involving firearms. Who is the person that is armed? Are they the shooter or a person protecting themselves? This puts our security police in a who's who decision and therefore both are at risk.

Many 18 year old's are still in high school and our police/security folks could face the same dilemma at a school. The state must see 21 as the age of responsibility because most professional licenses, ability to consume alcohol, to run for office, haul hazardous materials, etc.,

Why ask for trouble if it isn't necessary.

Thanks for your time and consideration

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TO: Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee
FROM: Brian Judy, NRA-ILA Idaho State Director
DATE: March 25, 2019
RE: House Bill 206 - **SUPPORT**

On behalf of the Idaho members of the National Rifle Association, let me take this opportunity to express **support for House Bill 206**. HB 206 would make it legal for a law-abiding resident of Idaho who is over the age of 18 to carry a handgun concealed without a license within city limits. Under existing law, such an individual must be over the age of 21 to carry a handgun concealed without a license within city limits.

Despite all the noise from opponents of this legislation, House Bill 206 is a very modest proposal. Currently, any law-abiding individual over the age of 18, *regardless of residency*, may lawfully carry a handgun concealed without a license outside city limits. Further, any law-abiding individual over the age of 18, *regardless of residency*, may lawfully carry a handgun in plain view without a license inside city limits.

Again, House Bill 206 only applies to the subset of law-abiding individuals over the age of 18 who are Idaho residents; individuals who can already carry a handgun concealed without a license in most of the state and can already carry a handgun openly without a license within city limits. HB 206 would merely allow these individuals to cover their handguns and carry discreetly within city limits.

Isn't it ironic? Many of those who complain about their fellow citizens who choose to carry a handgun in plain view, because they feel offended and intimidated, are now opposing this proposal that would likely lead to fewer handguns being carried in plain view.

Self-defense is a fundamental right. Law-abiding Idaho adults over the age of 18 should be free to choose the method of carrying a handgun for self-defense that best suits their particular circumstances.

Please support House Bill 206!