

OPPOSITION TESTIMONY - AB238 - Shelbie Swartz - Battle Born Progress

I strongly oppose AB238, which would give these corporate studios over \$1.425 billion in tax credits, while our state faces a \$1.9 billion Medicaid shortfall that threatens healthcare for 300,000 of our most vulnerable residents.

This isn't just about numbers—it's about our values. It's about who we fight for in times of crisis. Whether we stand with working families struggling to make ends meet or with billion-dollar corporations that will take what they can and leave when the money runs dry.

If this is about job creation — with \$1.425 billion, we could put Nevadans to work to build over 110 elementary schools, almost 40 middle schools, or nearly 20 high schools and ensure no child is crammed into an overcrowded classroom. We could hire almost 33,000 teachers to give our students the education they deserve. We could build over 12,385 homes of homes for Nevada families and solve our housing crisis.

Instead, this bill proposes that we give that money to two corporations with deep pockets that do not have a real stake in our state's future. Other states have tried this. They ended up cutting critical services just to foot the bill. Nevada cannot afford to make the same mistake.

What does it say about us if we prioritize tax breaks for Hollywood executives while our own seniors, children, and families lose access to healthcare? What does it say about our leadership if you bemoan the federal government for selling off our country to billionaires while turning around and doing the same thing here at home?

This is not just a financial decision—it is a moral one. I urge you to reject AB238 and put Nevada's people first.