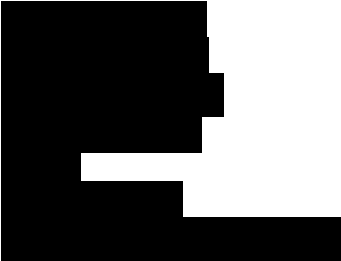


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AB 291:

The current statute that allows for the sealing of records violates the constitutional right of access to court proceedings and records, a right that is enshrined in the first amendment to the United States Constitution and Nevada law. AB 291 goes even further than current law, and it would, even more than the current law, violate our constitutional right of access to the courts.

Courts are presumed open to the public and the records that allow the public to know what has happened in our justice system can only be sealed if an analysis done on a case by case basis shows an overriding interest sufficient to overcome this important first amendment liberty.

The United States Supreme Court and the Nevada Supreme Court have each made clear that statutes that purport to allow the automatic or near automatic sealing of entire categories of court records are unconstitutional.

Even if the statute did not violate the constitution, we think it is bad policy for Nevada. Prohibiting the public from knowing who is being prosecuted without basis prohibiting the public from determining whether cases are being dismissed for improper purposes allows the government to operate in secret, going after those it does not like and giving improper breaks to those it does.

We must, therefore, respectfully oppose AB 291.

Please let me know how we can be a member of future discussions.

Thank you - Kami Dempsey