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Statement:

Good morning Chair and members of the committee. My name is Lea Moser. I am here representing the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, and to support the padage AB291 because it addresses a critical issue affecting Nevadans who have been arrested but never convicted.

The purpose of sealing is to allow people to rehabilitate and to eventually be a productive member of the community.

If sealings are used in other proceedings, it nullifies the effect of the sealing to begin with. The bill points out essentially a loophole around existing sealing laws and guts the purpose of sealing court records.

For example, a dismissed criminal proceeding should never be used in any matter in law. Having been dismissed, it should not prejudice anything in the future for that individual. It makes it so a person is wrongly accused of a crime and to carry that stigma for the rest of their life.

Even more so, a simple arrest could be wrongfully used against an innocent person, allowing for reputation and other damages for something that may be wholly unrelated to them or their conduct in life.

AB291 is a solution to a loophole in law that upholds fairness in our legal system. I urge the committee to support this bill.

Thank you for your time.