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The Honorable Venicia Considine
Chair
Government Affairs Committee
Nevada State Assembly
Carson City, Nevada

The Honorable Duy Nguyen
Vice-Chair
Government Affairs Committee
Nevada State Assembly
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Dear Chair Considine, Vice-Chair Nguyen and members of the Government Affairs Committee:

I am writing to express Chicanos Por La Causa Nevada strong support for AB 263. This bill represents a significant step forward in addressing the critical issue of homelessness in our state, particularly in counties with populations of 700,000 or more.

AB 263 mandates the establishment of homeless outreach teams in areas with significant poverty, unemployment, or economic distress. These teams will provide essential support to homeless individuals near schools, parks, and senior housing, ensuring that some of our most vulnerable populations receive the assistance they need. Additionally, the bill requires collaboration with The Nevada Department of Transportation for outreach and clean-up efforts related to homelessness on public highways and rights-of-way.

The establishment of these outreach teams is crucial for several reasons:

1. **Targeted Support:** By focusing on areas with pervasive poverty and economic distress, the bill ensures that resources are directed where they are most needed, maximizing the impact of the outreach efforts.
2. **Safety and Well-being:** Providing support near schools, parks, and senior housing helps protect the safety and well-being of both the homeless population and the broader community.
3. **Collaborative Efforts:** The requirement for collaboration with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing promotes a coordinated and comprehensive approach to addressing homelessness.

While the fiscal note suggests that there may be a financial impact on local governments, the long-term benefits of reducing homelessness and improving public



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safety and health far outweigh the initial costs. It is important to recognize that the bill includes an unfunded mandate, which may influence local government budgets and financial planning. However, the potential for positive outcomes justifies the investment.

In conclusion, we urge the Committee of Government Affairs to support AB 263. This bill is a vital measure that will help address the pressing issue of homelessness in our state, providing much-needed support to those in need and fostering a safer, healthier community for all.

Thank you for your consideration.

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