



March 6, 2025

Senate Committee on Government Affairs
401 S. Carson St.
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: SB 273

Dear Chair Flores, Vice-Chair Ohrenschall, and Members of the Committee:

I am a member of the Legislative Committee of the [Nevada Open Government Coalition](https://www.nevadaopengov.org/) (NOGC) We are an all-volunteer group that seeks to promote government transparency,

Every legislative session, we observe a series of bills aimed at expanding NRS 239 and related statutes to allow personal information of public-facing individuals and those affiliated with law enforcement agencies to be kept confidential and exempt from public disclosure. While we understand the intent behind such proposals—particularly in light of increasing threats of violence against government workers and law enforcement personnel—we urge caution to avoid unintended consequences that could hinder transparency and public access to critical information.

Existing protections under Nevada law, particularly NRS 289.025, safeguard the confidentiality of certain personal information for peace officers. Specifically, the home address and photograph of a peace officer in the possession of a law enforcement agency are deemed confidential and exempt from public disclosure, except under specific circumstances.

Additionally, NRS 239.0115 provides further context by allowing exemptions for records that would jeopardize safety or privacy, balancing public access with the need to protect sensitive information. These provisions aim to protect law enforcement personnel from potential harm while maintaining transparency where appropriate.

We recognize the importance of safeguarding individuals from harm, but we must also uphold the principles of open government and accountability. We urge the Committee to consider these concerns as you deliberate on proposed legislation and to ensure that any expansions of confidentiality provisions are carefully balanced with the public's right to know.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. I may be reached at (702)728-5300.

Sincerely,

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