

Senate Committee on Judiciary
Chair Scheible, Committee Members
March 10, 2025
Re: SB50
From: Senior Coalition of Washoe County

For the record, I'm Connie McMullen, representing the Senior Coalition of Washoe County, consisting of 30 businesses and organizations, supporting senior citizens living in the county since 1997. The Senior Coalition unanimously supports passage of the proposed revisions to impose additional penalty for certain crimes committed against older adults and vulnerable persons.

Far too often, seniors are targeted for criminal activity because of their age and frailty, victimized because of their disability and inability to fight back or recognize fraud when confronted. The Coalition supports enhancement of penalty for the crime of theft committed against any person aged 60 and older.

My own parent in his 90s was burglarized excessively by a person he hired with the thought of helping reform from a drug addiction. He was paid back for his good intentions with a violation of trust, that was stressful and emotional when he testified before the Washoe County District Attorney in the sentencing. This experience is all too common for aging adults simply because they are aging.

It is for this reason and the regularity of elder crimes that the Senior Coalition stands in full support of AB50 and commends the Attorney Generals Office for bringing the legislation.

The Senior Coalition of Washoe County thanks you for your support of the aged and vulnerable elderly residing in Nevada.