



Month 10, 2025

Senate Committee on Education
401 S. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Testimony in Support for Senate Bill 237

Dear Chair Taylor and Members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Native Voters Alliance Nevada in support of SB237. My husband is a first responder. He's worked in hospitals, on ambulances, and now he's the one running toward emergencies when people need help the most. When a call comes in, he doesn't hesitate. He goes.

While he's out there saving someone else's family, I live with the fear that one day, he might not come home to me. That's a fear that never fades, one that every first responder's spouse and child carries. For some families, that fear has already become their reality.

When a first responder makes the ultimate sacrifice, their family shouldn't have to struggle to find their path forward. No child should have to grow up without a parent and then face even more obstacles as they try to build their future. No spouse should have to say goodbye to the person they built a life with and be left wondering how they'll carry on without them.

I think about this every time my husband walks out the door. Every first responder family does. We pray that the worst never happens, but if it does, their sacrifice should mean something. Their family shouldn't have to fight for a future their loved one would have given anything to secure for them.

A family shouldn't lose everything just because their loved one gave everything. First responders don't ask whether someone in crisis deserves their help—they just show up. Every single time. Now, it's our turn.

A hui hou,

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