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Dear Chair Cruz-Crawford and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee:

My name is Jermareon Williams, and I am the Government Affairs Manager for Western Resource Advocates (WRA). WRA is a regional nonprofit advocacy organization fighting climate change and its impacts to sustain the environment, economy, and people of the West. On behalf of WRA, I am writing to express my strong support for SB 286.

SB 286 would recognize the important voice that tribal communities have in Nevada by consulting tribes in land use planning and revising the State and Local Government Cooperation Act to include tribal governments. NRS 321.640 recognizes that local governments have an important role in land planning due to their close proximity to the people they serve. Acknowledging this fact would mean acknowledging the role that tribal governments should have in land use planning since they are tasked with ensuring the wellbeing and comfort of the people they serve. Furthermore, SB 286 would guarantee that tribal governments have a say in the development of areas within their respective boundaries.

Tribal communities are a crucial voice in Nevada and provide expertise that is needed to ensure that we are creating rational plans moving forward. This inclusion is necessary if we want to ensure the health and wellbeing for all that call Nevada home.

I would like to affirm WRA's support of SB 286 and urge the Committee's support for this legislation.

Thank you,

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