



Testimony in Support of Nevada Senate Bill 295

Chairperson, esteemed members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today on behalf of The LIBRE Initiative, a local and national organization dedicated to empowering the Latino community through policies that promote economic opportunity and personal freedom.

We are here in strong support of SB295, which provides much-needed clarity and fairness for Nevada's street food vendors. Across our state, street food vendors contribute to our economy, culture, and local communities, yet many face unnecessary barriers that prevent them from operating legally. By streamlining the permitting process and ensuring reasonable regulations, this bill will empower hardworking entrepreneurs, support local economies, and help street food vendors provide for their families without the fear of excessive fines or restrictions.

The Latino community represents a substantial portion of Nevada's population and contributes significantly to the state's economy. Many Latino entrepreneurs rely on street food vending as a means of livelihood, offering culturally significant and diverse food options that enrich our communities. However, existing regulations often pose challenges that hinder their ability to operate legally and successfully.

SB295 proposes to require local boards of health to provide information and outreach to sidewalk vendors, establish task forces related to sidewalk vending, and revise provisions concerning cottage food operations to exempt certain sidewalk vendors. These measures will facilitate a more inclusive and supportive environment for small-scale vendors, many of whom are from the Latino community.

By passing SB295, we can empower Latino entrepreneurs, promote economic development, and celebrate the rich cultural diversity that street food vendors bring to Nevada. I urge the committee to pass SB295 to support the hardworking individuals who contribute significantly to Nevada's economic and cultural landscape.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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