



Testimony in Support of Nevada Assembly Bill 180

Chairperson, esteemed members of the committee,

My name is Eddie Diaz. I am the Strategic Director for The LIBRE Initiative Nevada, one of the largest Latino organizations dedicated to empowering the Hispanic community in Nevada and across the nation.

On behalf of The LIBRE Initiative, I am here to express my strong support for AB180, a much-needed piece of legislation that has the power to remove unnecessary barriers for hardworking Nevadans—especially those in the Latino community—who are pursuing their dreams through small business ownership.

Latinos represent a growing share of small business owners in Nevada, many of whom operate as mobile food vendors, street vendors, or independent contractors. For many Latinos, street vending is more than a job—it's a first step toward economic independence and upward mobility. However, the current patchwork of local regulations and licensing requirements can make it extremely difficult—and expensive—for these entrepreneurs to legally operate across different cities or counties. This creates confusion, delays, and financial burdens for people who are simply trying to provide for their families and contribute to their communities.

AB180 will streamline the licensing process, helping reduce red tape and costs for small-scale vendors, many of whom are immigrants or first-generation business owners. This bill lowers the barrier to entry for those who may not have traditional access to capital or resources, giving them a fair shot to grow and succeed.

This legislation sends a clear message that Nevada values and supports those who hustle, innovate, and serve their communities. It helps people rise up the economic ladder by allowing them to formalize and grow their businesses without being penalized by outdated or inconsistent regulations. In short, this bill will empower entrepreneurs and reinforce Nevada's reputation as a place where small businesses can thrive.

I respectfully urge this committee to vote in favor of Ab180.

Thank you for your time and consideration.


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