



March 30, 2025

Senate Judiciary Committee

Re: SB361

Dear Chair Scheible & Members of the Committee:

The Nevada Open Government Coalition (NOGC) and the Nevada Press Association (NPA) oppose sections 19 and 20 of SB 361, but take no position on the rest of the bill.

The media and the rest of the public generally have access to warrant return materials and this bill's language would conflict with that case law. Moreover, the bill provides extensive powers to law enforcement agencies and the confidentiality provisions would allow that power to operate without any checks and balances. Allowing the public to serve as a check on governmental power is the purpose of the NRPA. NRS § 239.001.

Existing law allows personally identifying information and other information be redacted from public records where appropriate (but requires redaction as an alternative to wholesale secrecy). However, it would not foreclose access and would allow for public oversight. Thus, the confidentiality provisions in sections 19 and 20 are not necessary and would undermine the public's ability to be a watchdog of our government.

Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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