



Dear Chairperson and members of the committee,

On behalf of Americans for Prosperity in Nevada, I thank you for this opportunity to testify in opposition of AB 441, a bill that threatens to undermine the effectiveness of the Nevada Education Choice Scholarship Program and place unnecessary burdens on scholarship organizations. While the bill's intent may be to streamline the use of funds, its provisions would severely restrict the ability of scholarship organizations to serve the students who need it most.

The bill provision in Section 1 & 2 would require scholarship organizations to expend the entire amount of any donation for which a taxpayer receives a tax credit within 18 months of the approval of the tax credit by the Department of Taxation. If a scholarship organization fails to do so, it would be required to repay the tax credit for any unexpended donation. This provision, though seemingly straightforward, imposes a harmful and unrealistic financial burden on scholarship organizations that could disrupt their ability to effectively plan, fund, and distribute scholarships to Nevada's students. This also does not align with the realities of how scholarship organizations operate. Many scholarship organizations are reliant on fluctuating donations, which means they may not always be able to predict the exact timing and allocation of funds in such a strict 18-month window. This constraint limits their ability to make thoughtful decisions about how best to allocate resources to the students who need them. Scholarship organizations need flexibility in how they manage donations, as they often work in partnership with schools to meet the needs of students, particularly those from lower-income households, in a manner that does not always adhere to an arbitrary timeline.

Moreover, the provisions requiring organizations to repay the tax credit for unexpended donations creates a risk for both donors and scholarship organizations. Donors who contribute money to scholarship organizations may be discouraged by the possibility that their donations may not be fully expended within the specified time frame, leading to uncertainty about whether their tax credits will be upheld. Resulting in possibly, a reduction in overall donations, which would ultimately reduce the number of scholarships available to students.

The Nevada Education Choice Scholarship Program has been a vital tool for providing parents with the flexibility to choose the best educational setting for their children. It supports a diverse range of students, including those from low-income families, who may otherwise have limited options in a traditional public school system.

At Americans for Prosperity Nevada, we believe every child deserves the freedom to pursue the education that best fits their needs, regardless of income or zip code. We need greater educational freedom so every student can have access to a quality education of their choosing and every parent can have the power to choose the education that best fits the needs of their child. Therefore, for the these reasons stated above, we urge you to oppose AB 441 which sends

a message that Nevada is proud to recognize that educational choice is about empowering families, fostering competition, and improving the quality of education across Nevada.

Sincerely, 

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