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Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

401 S. Carson Street Room 2149

Carson City, NV 89701

Subject: Support for Senate Bill 74 (SB74)

Good afternoon Chair Ohrenschall and Members of the Committee:

For the record, my name is Ryan Vortisch—that's spelled R-Y-A-N, last name V-O-R-T-I-S-C-H, and I am the Northern Nevada Democracy Coordinator of Silver State Voices. I'm here to testify in support of SB74 on behalf of my organization and the Let Nevadans Vote coalition.

Among the numerous positive proposals brought forth in this bill, at Silver State Voices we are beyond excited about the opportunity SB74 presents for expanding access to Nevada's Effective Absentee System for Elections, or EASE. All eligible voters— regardless of their mobility or state of health— have a constitutional right to cast their ballot and deserve an equitable experience in our electoral process.

The EASE voting system prioritizes security and transparency, making it a safe and accessible option for many types of voters, including those overseas, in the military, or on tribal lands. According to our Secretary of State, Francisco Aguilar, the EASE system undergoes consistent security reviews and updates.¹ Furthermore, the proposed cyber-incident response plan in this bill would directly respond to any points of concern.

Disinformation around voter fraud cannot be the foundation for barring eligible voters from the ballot box. We appreciate the efforts the Secretary of State's office has taken to advocate for the accessibility and security of our elections, with neither coming at the expense of the other. SB74 is a great example of this, and of Nevada's longtime reputation as a voting rights champion state.

We urge your support on SB74. Thank you.

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¹ Cassidy, C. A. (2024). *Electronic voting worries security experts. Nevada touts safeguards as it expands it to tribes.* AP News.