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Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections
401 S. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Subject: Support for AJR7

Good afternoon Chair Mosca and Assemblymembers,

For the record, my name is Ryan Vortisch — that's 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 strong support of AJR7 on behalf of my organization and the Let Nevadans Vote Coalition.

The creation of a Citizen's Commission on Compensation for Certain Elected Officers is a step forward to ensure our elected officials receive fair pay for their work. We appreciate the transparent decision-making process outlined in the bill, as well as the diverse membership requirements for the proposed Committee.

Ultimately, our elected officers should not be responsible for choosing their own pay, as this creates reasonable doubt about the integrity and objectivity of this process. The creation of this Commission ensures an unbiased, diverse board full of institutional knowledge is at the forefront of these conversations, and that members of the public are invited to the table when decisions are made about how their taxpayer dollars are spent in the Silver State.

We'd like to thank Assemblymembers Howard Watts, Erica Mosca, and Brian Hibbetts, as well as Senators Rochelle Nguyen and Jeff Stone for sponsoring this bill.

We hope you'll join us in supporting AJR7.

Thank you.

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