

To: Senate Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

Subj: **Exhibit in Opposition to AB530**, Fuel Tax in Clark County

Dear Senate Committee Members:

AB530 would extend the sunset date on annual tax increases on fuel in Clark County instead of letting the bill sunset in 2026 and rewriting the bill per Nevada Statute NRS 354.5982. Instead of letting voters decide, this bill will extend the tax another 10 years and allow it to be approved without a vote of the people. The bill and amendment 210 have been written to deny voter input and oversight, ***this is counter to our Constitution.***

If voters in 2014 approved the tax it should be voters who decide whether to keep it—not a handful of county officials. This bill would take that decision completely out of voters' hands—even though they're the ones paying the bill.

If Clark County needs the funds for roads why not cut back on non-essential government spending instead of sneaking in a tax extension? Clark County's own 2025 budget shows millions going to things that aren't urgent.

- \$271 million for new park upgrades and splash pads
- \$634 million for county building remodels and office construction
- \$215 million for technology upgrades—not for public safety, but for internal departments
- \$56 million for climate-related outreach programs
- \$68 million for air quality media and planning projects
- \$64 million from opioid settlements that isn't going directly to treatment or enforcement

There is little effort to reduce or cut or reprioritize spending. Let the people decide—just like they did in 2014. Oppose SB451.

Respectfully,

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