



Testimony in Opposition of Nevada Assembly Bill 530

Chairperson, esteemed members of the committee,

My name is Eddie Diaz. I am the Strategic Director for The LIBRE Initiative Nevada, one of the largest Latino organizations dedicated to empowering the Hispanic community in Nevada and across the nation. On behalf of The LIBRE Initiative, I stand before you to express opposition and deep concern over Assembly Bill 530.

This bill would allow the Clark County Commission to extend fuel tax increases without a vote of the people—a decision that would deeply impact working families, especially in the Latino community. For many of us, transportation isn't optional. Latino workers often travel long distances for work, whether it's in construction, hospitality, or gig jobs like rideshare or delivery. These jobs are essential to our state's economy, but they come with tight margins and little flexibility.

Raising gas taxes without voter input places an unfair burden on families already struggling with the high cost of living. It means more money out of their pockets every week, just to get to work, take kids to school, or care for loved ones. This disproportionately affects Latinos, who make up a large share of Nevada's working class.

What's even more troubling is the lack of accountability. By bypassing the vote of the people, this bill silences the very voices who are paying the price. The Latino community and all Nevadans deserves a say in decisions that directly affect our wallets and our futures. We believe in better roads and infrastructure—but we also believe in transparency, fairness, and voter rights.

Please do not advance AB530. Stand with working families and the Latino community. Let the people decide.

Thank you.



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