

To: Senate Legislative Operations and Elections Committee

Sub: **Exhibit in Opposition to AB496, Amendment 384**

Date: May 13, 2025

Dear Senators of the Legislative Operations and Elections Committee:

I have served Washoe County as an Election Worker at the Washoe County Registrar of Voters for the last 5 elections, I have seen how hard the staff work during these chaotic periods. The hours put in by staff are VERY long and stressful, with mechanical, database, staffing, supply, and voter issues (identify verification, homeless voters, provisional voters) a constant drag on staff.

**Identity Theft and Voter Fraud:** The voter envelope requires providing personal information and signatures to the Registrar on the envelope, another opportunity for voter fraud and identity theft. This bill also allows for no signature verification – wasn't that the whole idea behind universal mail-in ballots??

**Impossible to Comply:** AB496, with amendment 384, adds so much additional reporting to the County Clerks to be provided to the SOS by 5:00pm each day of early voting that they can't possibly complete the reporting task. In conjunction with SB100, this will allow the AG and the SOS to assume responsibility for the elections. This would take the election authority away from those elected by the county residents.

**Cost:** AB496 costs at least \$300k per year. Nevada has a \$191M shortfall projected in 2025 by the Nevada Economic Forum. We have to cut costs, not expand them.

This bill serves to add bureaucracy to our elections and would decrease voter confidence in the process. A significant cost, but no increase in election integrity or transparency.

**Please, vote No on AB496 and all amendments.**

Respectfully,

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