

Dear Chair Ohrenschall and members of the Senate Legislative Operations and Elections Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, a statewide organization dedicated to supporting direct service providers across the state and advocating for policies that prevent violence and protect victims. We strongly urge this committee to support AJR1, a critical measure that begins to address inequities in Nevada's tax code and provides a pathway to sustainable funding for essential services, including domestic and sexual violence programming.

Nevada currently ranks second in the nation for domestic violence and fifth for rates per capita, yet our state does not fund domestic or sexual violence programming as a dedicated line item in the budget. Our programs rely heavily on federal funding, which is facing significant cuts, placing critical survivor services at risk across our state. This dangerous funding gap comes at a time when demand for services continues to rise and agencies are already operating beyond capacity.

AJR1 addresses a fundamental flaw in our property tax system by closing a depreciation loophole that primarily benefits corporate investors at the expense of our state budget. The proposed tax reset when properties are sold will ensure that large-scale investors pay a fair, updated rate rather than continuing to benefit from artificially low valuations, while protecting everyday homeowners.

The services that survivors of domestic and sexual violence desperately need—emergency shelter, legal advocacy, counseling, and safety planning—are only as strong as the revenue used to fund them. Without sustainable state funding mechanisms, we cannot ensure that Nevadans in crisis will have access to life-saving services.

AJR1 represents a smart, targeted reform that could help create the progressive revenue framework needed to address Nevada's most pressing issues, including the epidemic of domestic violence in our communities. We urge you to advance AJR1 and help create a more sustainable and equitable funding system for Nevada.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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