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Assembly Ways and Means Chair Monroe-Moreno,

We were notified this afternoon that there are now two amendments you are considering to AB145 which has been drafted by Veterans Benefits Guide (VBG) and it's lobbyist that would change the intent of the original bill and grant VBG and other bad actors the ability to charge veterans thousands of dollars for simply sending in paperwork for a VA claim.

Nevada's six primary Veteran Service Organizations are not, in any way, supportive of amending this bill and the only acceptable language will be as it currently stands.

VBG and corporations like them are simply bad actors and are not trusted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Nevada Congressional Offices or the Nevada Department of Veterans Services. They are skirting both federal laws (38 C.F.R.) and Nevada laws (NRS 417.113 (2)) for financial gain.

As Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, we would ask that if you cannot support the bill as written, that no further action be taken, please leave the bill in the committee, allow us more time with the predatory corporations and hopefully come up with a better compromise and address the issue next session. That would be the best compromise. As it stands now, the only compromise provided so far by the opposition is to protect Veterans Benefits Guide and allow them to continue exactly what they are doing, taking \$2 million/year from Nevada's veterans and \$50 million/year from veterans across the country.

We've offered to get all their employees the assistance they need to become accredited, and the Veterans Benefits Guide hasn't even listened. Doing what the predatory corporation wants is not a compromise. It would be making our veterans give in to a terrible situation. Please do not do that to our veterans. We'd rather leave the situation as it is and visit it another time.

Please feel free to reach out to me should you wish to discuss this further.

Thank you for your strong consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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