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The Honorable Erica Mosca
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Legislative Operations
and Elections Committee
Nevada State Assembly
Carson City, Nevada

The Honorable Cecelia Gonzalez
Vice-Chair
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Dear Members of the Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections,

I am writing to express my strong support for AB 306, which aims to revise provisions relating to elections in Nevada. This bill represents a significant step forward in enhancing voter access and improving the mail ballot process, ensuring that all eligible voters can participate in our democratic process.

AB 306 introduces several key changes that will benefit voters across Nevada, particularly in terms of accessibility and convenience. One of the most notable provisions is the requirement for counties with populations of 700,000 or more, such as Clark County, to establish at least 10 mail ballot drop-off locations. Similarly, counties with populations between 100,000 and 700,000, like Washoe County, must have at least 5 such locations. These drop-off locations will be operational for a minimum of 7 hours each day from the end of early voting until the day before the general election. This ensures that voters have ample opportunity to return their mail ballots securely and conveniently.

For counties with populations under 100,000, the bill provides the flexibility to determine the number of drop-off locations based on local needs. This tailored approach allows smaller counties to implement solutions that best serve their communities, while still maintaining the integrity and accessibility of the voting process.

Another significant aspect of AB 306 is the authorization for individuals to return mail ballots on behalf of voters at designated drop-off locations. This provision can greatly enhance the efficiency of ballot collection, particularly for voters who may face challenges in returning their ballots themselves. By allowing authorized individuals to assist in this process, the bill helps to ensure that every vote is counted. While there may be a fiscal impact on local governments due to the unfunded mandate, the benefits of increased voter access and streamlined mail ballot processes far outweigh the costs. The establishment of additional drop-off locations and the extended hours of operation will undoubtedly lead to higher voter participation and a more inclusive electoral process.



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In conclusion, AB 306 is a crucial piece of legislation that addresses the need for improved voter access and mail ballot process enhancements in Nevada. I urge you and your colleagues to support this bill and help ensure that all Nevadans can exercise their right to vote in a secure and convenient manner.

Sincerely,

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