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Nevada Senate Committee on Government Affairs
C/O Chair Senator Flores
401 S Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Good Morning, Chair Flores and Committee Members.

For the record, my name is Marie Neisess, and I am the President of Clark County Education Association. CCEA wants to thank Assemblymember Backus for bringing Assembly Bill 462 forward.

I am here today to express my strong support for AB 462. During the 2023 Legislative Session, the Educator Pipeline Bill was passed; however, implementation was challenging. Based on our experience, AB 462 identifies key areas that require adjustments to strengthen the effectiveness of this legislation.

As an educator, I recognize the vital importance of providing clear career pathways for our students. AB 462 will help level the playing field by addressing systemic barriers to career success and ensuring that all students have equal access to career opportunities. The Teacher Academy College Pathway will create a more diverse workforce. By supporting students, the structured pathways program will help address our teacher shortage.

CCEA is committed to supporting CCSD students. We are collaborating with the new CCSD Superintendent to ensure the successful implementation of the Teacher Academy College Pathway. Furthermore, CCEA is investing **\$2 million** to help offset costs for CCSD students, reinforcing our commitment to tackling the teacher shortage head-on.

I urge you to support Assembly Bill 462 to help build a stronger future for Nevada's students. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
Marie Neisess
President, Clark County Education Association