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Hello. Thank you Chair Torres-Fosset and committee. My name is Caitlin Gatchalian, and I am the Chair of the AAPI Democratic Caucus for the state of Nevada. As a caucus, we are here to show our support for AB 217.

The AAPI Democratic Caucus seeks to maximize the participation of Asian American and Pacific Islanders as a powerful force in the political process. Recognizing the rich heritage represented by the terms Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, we seek to strengthen and solidify our political participation and leverage that power to create lasting change for members of our community.

AB 217 is a necessary step in ensuring that our schools remain places of learning, safety, and community—free from fear and intimidation by immigration enforcement agencies.

The Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community understands the deep impact of immigration enforcement policies. Many of our families, friends, and neighbors have experienced the uncertainty and fear associated with a broken immigration system.

Education should never be compromised by fear. When students are afraid to attend school or participate fully in their education, our entire community suffers. AB 217 ensures that ICE cannot enter school grounds without a judicial warrant, reinforcing that schools are places of learning, not enforcement zones. This policy is not about obstructing law enforcement; it is about upholding the basic rights of students to learn in a safe and stable environment.

Students need to feel protected in a world that too unpredictable as it is, with the support and passing of AB 217, students from all over our education system will have a better mindset towards bettering their future and lessening their plate of uncertainty.

Our caucus stands firmly in support of AB 217 because we believe in protecting the dignity and security of all students. We urge the committee to pass this bill and reaffirm Nevada's commitment to educational equity and justice.

Thank you for your time and consideration.