



Dear Members of the Assembly Committee on Education,

I am writing on behalf of Native Voters Alliance Nevada in support of Assembly Bill 217. To put it plainly: children should feel safe at school. That should not be up for debate. No matter your political beliefs, your values, or the letter after your name, we should all agree on one thing—no child should fear walking through their school doors.

This bill is simple. It keeps schools what they are meant to be: places of learning, not places of fear. It ensures that children are not used as pawns in a system that forgets they are just that—children. It allows students to focus on what truly matters—math, science, history, their futures—without the ever-present fear that they or their family could be torn apart just for showing up to class. Schools are not tools of intimidation. Classrooms should be filled with curiosity, not fear.

And let's be honest: we hear a lot of talk about putting families first, about protecting children, about making sure every kid has a fair shot. If those words mean anything at all, then supporting this bill isn't just the right thing to do—it's the only thing to do.

At the end of the day, this is about one simple question: do we protect kids, or do we let fear win?

I urge you to stand on the right side of this moment. Support this bill. Let Nevada's children walk into their classrooms thinking about their future—not fearing for it.

A hui hou,

/s/ **Mathilda Guerrero Miller, MPPA**

Kānaka Maoli

Government Relations Director

Native Voters Alliance Nevada

###

About Native Voters Alliance Nevada: A rising powerhouse in the Nevada political landscape, Native Voters Alliance Nevada (NVAN) is dedicated to forging a dynamic Native ecosystem and fostering political strength within Indigenous communities. We serve as a resonating platform for urban and Tribal Nation voices, guiding elections, molding legislation, and championing tribal sovereignty. Join us in our empowering journey and learn more at <https://nativevotesnv.org>