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## *Las Vegas Branch*

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March 19, 2025

The Honorable Selena Torres-Fossett  
Chair, Assembly Education Committee  
Nevada State Capitol  
101 N. Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Madam Chair,

On behalf of the Executive Committee and the Members of the Las Vegas Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), I write to express our wholehearted support for the legislation establishing the Commission on Racial Equity and Social Justice in Nevada.

In a time when extremists seek to sanitize our history and minimize the brutal realities of slavery and its aftermath, this Commission can be a beacon of intellectual honesty and moral courage. The true strength of our nation lies not in denying our past but in confronting it with integrity and wisdom.

This Commission represents a crucial step toward fulfilling our nation's promise of liberty and justice for all. By studying historical discrimination in our state and its lasting economic impacts, Nevada has an opportunity to, yet again, lead the nation with truth, reconciliation, and meaningful progress.

The proposed structure—drawing expertise from our universities, executive branch, and legislature—ensures diverse perspectives while maintaining scholarly rigor. This balanced approach will produce findings and recommendations that can unite Nevadans across political and social divides through our shared commitment to justice.

The Las Vegas NAACP believes this Commission will strengthen our state by fostering greater understanding among all Nevadans. When we acknowledge our full history—both painful and triumphant—we build a stronger foundation for our shared future.

We urge you to pass this legislation and demonstrate Nevada's leadership in confronting difficult truths and advancing racial healing. Our diverse communities deserve nothing less than full recognition of their experiences and contributions to our great state.

Sincerely yours,

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