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Office of the Governor

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The Honorable Francisco Aguilar
Nevada Secretary of State
101 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Re: Senate Bill 319 of the 82nd Legislative Session

Dear Secretary of State Aguilar:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Senate Bill 319 ("SB 319"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to public employees; revising the definition of "employee" for purposes of collective bargaining for state employees to include category I, II and III peace officers who are in the unclassified service of the State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 319 adds unclassified peace officers to those employees eligible for collective bargaining. Under current law, unclassified positions are not subject to the same rules as classified employees. Allowing them to participate in collective bargaining could lead to other distinctions between classified and unclassified staff being challenged. If there is a desire to include these positions in their respective collective bargaining units, the positions should be reclassified to the classified service.

For these reasons, I veto SB 319 and return it to you without my signature or approval.

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Respectfully submitted,



JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Stavros Anthony, President of the Senate (without enclosure)
The Honorable Nicole Cannizzaro, Senate Majority Leader (without enclosure)
The Honorable Steve Yeager, Speaker of the Assembly (without enclosure)
Brendan Bucy, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)
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