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Office of the Governor

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The Honorable Barbara Cegavske
Nevada Secretary of State
101 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Senate Bill 296 of the 78th Legislative Session

Dear Secretary of State Cegavske:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Senate Bill 296, which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to damages; prohibiting the assertion of claims for punitive or exemplary damages in certain pleadings in civil actions; revising provisions relating to exemplary or punitive damages in certain civil actions; and providing other matters property relating thereto.

Senate Bill 296 limits the ability of Nevadans to hold others fully accountable for any harm they may have caused and any harm they may cause in the future by limiting claims for punitive damages in civil actions. Punitive damages serve to deter entities from engaging in unsafe business practices. Therefore, I veto this bill and return it without my signature or approval.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandoval".

BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor