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## Office of the Governor

June 10, 2015

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

RE: Senate Bill 99 of the 78<sup>th</sup> 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 99, which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to crimes; revising provisions governing the lifetime supervision of certain sex offenders; revising provisions governing registration and community notification of sex offenders and offenders convicted of crimes against a child; revising provisions governing registration and community notification of juveniles adjudicated delinquent for committing certain sexual offenses; revising provisions governing certain restrictions on certain sex offenders placed on probation, parole or lifetime supervision; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Tier III sex offenders are the most dangerous sexual predators. They are offenders who have been convicted of first-degree murder, sexual assault, kidnapping, battery, lewdness, and other serious crimes against children and adults. Senate Bill 99 removes the prohibition in current Nevada law that Tier III sex offenders cannot be within 500 feet of a school, playground, park, day care, movie theater, athletic field, or other places primarily designated for use by children. Senate Bill 99 allows sex offenders who have committed the most heinous sexually-motivated crimes to have greater access to places where children frequent in Nevada. It places our children at greater risk of harm.

While Senate Bill 99 proposes amendments to the Adam Walsh Act which have merit, the removal of this important prohibition undermines confidence that this legislation will ensure greater protection of Nevada's children. 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", written in a cursive style.

BRIAN SANDOVAL  
Governor

*Enclosure*

*cc: Honorable Senate President Mark Hutchison (without enclosure)  
Honorable Senate Majority Leader Michael Roberson (without enclosure)  
Honorable Senate Minority Leader Aaron Ford (without enclosure)  
Honorable Assembly Speaker John Hambrick (without enclosure)  
Honorable Assembly Leader Paul Anderson (without enclosure)  
Honorable Assembly Minority Leader Marilyn Kirkpatrick (without enclosure)  
Secretary of the Senate Claire Jesse Cliff (without enclosure)  
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