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The Honorable Steve Yeager
Speaker of the Nevada State Assembly
Nevada Legislature
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Re: Assembly Bill 144 of the 82nd Legislative Session

Dear Speaker Yeager:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 144 ("AB 144"), which is titled as follows:

> AN ACT relating to lighting products; prohibiting the sale, offer to sell or distribution of compact fluorescent lamps and linear fluorescent lamps; authorizing the Attorney General to bring a civil action against a person who has repeatedly violated such a prohibition; providing a civil penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 144 is yet another example of an unnecessary, strict regulation that eliminates consumer choice without any immediate need to do so. Currently, the U.S. Energy Information Administration notes that nearly half of U.S. households use LED light bulbs for all or most of their indoor lighting.

AB 144 provides harsh civil penalties payable to the State for each sale, offer to sell, or distribution of fluorescent lights and, moreover, penalizes the use of fluorescent lights by the day. Given the clear trend in consumer preferences toward LED lighting, this bill does little more than strictly penalize those who have not yet elected to use LED lights.

Since AB 144's primary emphasis is to provide severe, inflexible civil penalties for those who have not yet chosen to, or are otherwise unable to, comply with its provisions, I cannot support it.

For these reasons, I veto this bill 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 Francisco Aguilar, Secretary of State (without enclosure)
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