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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 251 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 251 ("AB 251"), which is titled as follows:

> AN ACT relating to pharmacy; revising requirements governing the language in which certain information relating to a prescription must be provided to a patient; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 251 is well-intended in that it aims to increase the accessibility of pharmacy services for those who are more comfortable using a language other than English. That said, requiring every pharmacy in Nevada—from independently owned establishments to Fortune 10 companies—to provide information in each of the ten of the most spoken languages at-home in the State is an unnecessarily onerous burden. Not only is this law burdensome, it also provides no clarity about whether and how pharmacists should provide verbal instructions regarding certain prescriptions as may otherwise be required by law.

Since AB 251 creates an unnecessary burden on pharmacies across our State, I cannot support it.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to without my signature or approval.

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)
Brendan Bucy, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)
Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)
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