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**RE: Senate Bill 133 of the 82nd Legislative Session**

Dear Leader Cannizzaro:

I am returning Senate Bill No. 133 to the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature without my approval, accompanied by my letters of objections.

Sincerely,

Joe Lombardo
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**Re: Senate Bill 133 of the 82nd Legislative Session**

Dear Leader Cannizzaro:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Senate Bill 133 ("SB 133"), which is titled as follows:

> AN ACT relating to elections; prohibiting a person from creating or serving in a false slate of presidential electors or conspiring to create or serve in a false slate of presidential electors; prohibiting the State or a local government from appointing to public office or employing a person convicted of such an offense; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

I believe ensuring the sanctity and security of our elections is paramount to maintaining public confidence in both our electoral processes and in elected officials. There should be strict punishments for those seeking to undermine that confidence, including those engaged in schemes to present slates of false electors.

That said, it is difficult to fathom how the penalty for being engaged in such a scheme should be harsher—in terms of time-served and by requiring a permanent relinquishment of certain unrelated employment rights—than the penalty for high-level fentanyl traffickers, certain domestic violence perpetrators, and even some of the most extreme and violent actors on January 6.

Because SB 133 does nothing to ensure the security of our elections and merely provides disproportionately harsh penalties for an, admittedly, terrible crime, I cannot support it.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it 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 Steve Yeager, Speaker of the Assembly (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)
Brenda Erdoes, Esq., Legislative Counsel (without enclosure)