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## Office of the Governor

June 16, 2023

The Honorable Francisco Aguilar  
Nevada Secretary of State  
101 North Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

**Re: Senate Bill 384 of the 82nd Legislative Session**

Dear Secretary of State Aguilar:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Senate Bill 384 ("SB 384"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to broadband; establishing certain requirements for a state agency that awards grants of federal money for the development of broadband services and infrastructure; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 384 would dramatically increase the cost of broadband projects in every part of Nevada. Critically, the workforce necessary to meet the requirements contained in this bill does not exist in rural areas across the State. The costs associated with ensuring such onerous workforce burdens in rural locations will decrease the effectiveness of the money available to ensure rural Nevada's connectivity.

Since SB 384 would significantly hinder broadband development efforts in our rural communities while also considerably increasing the costs of those projects throughout the rest of the State, I cannot support it.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Lombardo", written over a printed name and title.

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 Steve Yeager, Speaker of the Assembly (without enclosure)  
Brendan Bucy, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)  
Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)  
Brenda Erdoes, Esq., Legislative Counsel Bureau, Director (without enclosure)  
Bryan Fernley, Esq., Legislative Counsel (without enclosure)