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Office of the Governor

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The Honorable Francisco Aguilar
Nevada Secretary of State
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Re: Senate Bill 217 of the 83rd 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 217 ("SB 217"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to health care; prohibiting a governmental entity from substantially burdening certain activity relating to assisted reproduction under certain circumstances; authorizing a person whose engagement in such activity has been so burdened to assert the violation as a claim or defense in a judicial proceeding; authorizing a court to award damages against a governmental entity that substantially burdens such activity in certain circumstances; providing certain immunity from civil and criminal liability and administrative sanctions for certain persons and entities involved in the provision of assisted reproduction; providing that a fertilized egg or human embryo that exists before implantation in a human uterus is not a person for legal purposes; requiring certain health insurers to authorize a pregnant person to enroll in a health plan during a specified period; requiring certain public and private health insurers to provide certain coverage for the treatment of infertility and fertility preservation; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

There is no greater joy than becoming a parent. Strong, loving families form the foundation of a resilient Nevada. While I support efforts to make in vitro fertilization ("IVF") more accessible, SB 217 as currently written is not feasible because it imposes a new, unfunded mandate requiring coverage for IVF, including through Medicaid. Without dedicated and

sustainable funding this mandate is fiscally impossible considering the current posture of the state's budget, specifically in terms of Medicaid resources. I encourage relevant state agencies to collaborate with stakeholders during the interim to identify alternative, financially sustainable, and equitable ways to expand access to IVF—so that all Nevadans have the opportunity to build families.

Because SB 217 would place an unmanageable strain on state Medicaid resources, I cannot sign it.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you 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 Steve Yeager, Speaker of the Assembly (without enclosure)
Brendan Bucy, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)
Bonnie Borda Hoffecker, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)
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