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June 12, 2025

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

Re: Assembly Bill 597 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, Assembly Bill 597 ("AB 597"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to elections; authorizing a nonpartisan voter to vote for the partisan offices of a major political party in a primary election; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Last fall, Nevada voters decisively rejected the idea of allowing non-affiliated individuals to participate in partisan primaries. It is inappropriate to override their clear and recent decision by attempting to enact such a significant change to our election process only months later. Yet, AB 597 seeks to do exactly that.

Because AB 597 would undermine the will of Nevada's voters by creating open-primaries, I cannot support it.

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

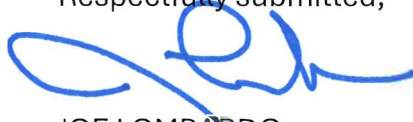
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Respectfully submitted,



JOE LOMBARDO

Governor of Nevada

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Stavros Anthony, President of the Senate (without enclosure)
The Honorable 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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