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The Honorable Steve Yeager
Speaker of the Nevada State Assembly
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Re: Assembly Bill 205 of the 83rd 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 205 ("AB 205"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions governing consent to participate in a course or unit of instruction concerning the human immunodeficiency virus, the human reproductive system, related communicable diseases and sexual responsibility; revising requirements for forms used to refuse authorization for a pupil to participate in such a course or unit of a course; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Parents should be empowered to make important decisions related to their children's education—particularly when the subject matter involves sensitive and deeply personal topics like sex education. An opt-in approach to sex education ensures that parents are fully informed about the content their children will encounter and gives them the opportunity to prepare for those discussions at home. This is often the first time many parents engage in serious, sex-related conversations with their children, and being informed can help them approach these conversations thoughtfully and confidently. Requiring opt-in participation also encourages meaningful planning and dialogue between parents, allowing them to consult with family, friends, or their faith community as they determine how best to support their children.

Critically, requiring active parental consent respects the diverse values held by families across the state and promotes trust between schools and communities. It reinforces the principle that schools and parents are partners in education—not substitutes for one another.

Parents should remain the primary decision makers in their children's education. Since AB 205 would undermine parents' ability to make informed choices about their children's education, I cannot support it.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Joe Lombardo", written over the typed name.

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)
Bonnie Borda Hoffecker, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)
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