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## Office of the Governor

June 2, 2025

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

**Re: Assembly Bill 490 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 490 ("AB 490"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to courts; revising provisions relating to the venue for certain proceedings; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 490 is flawed in that it inherently diminishes the value of learned expertise by judges routinely tasked with handling matters of a certain type. Historically, judges in the First Judicial District have reviewed matters like those in this bill and it is most appropriate to continue that practice to ensure these matters are presided over by judges accustomed to their unique challenges. Moreover, the proposition that a court's ability to continue reviewing certain matters should be conditioned upon its implementation of an electronic filing and storage system raises separation of powers concerns.

Since AB 490 would deprive Nevadans of the expertise that only repetitious, specific experience can provide and also implicates constitutional concerns, 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 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)  
Diane Thornton, Legislative Counsel Bureau, Director (without enclosure)  
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