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# Office of the Governor

June 5, 2025

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

**Re: Assembly Bill 88 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 88 ("AB 88"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to juvenile justice; revising provisions relating to the authority of a juvenile court to place a child under informal supervision under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

While increasing judicial discretion is often a worthwhile objective, AB 88 is ultimately unsupportable because it sidelines district attorneys in too many juvenile justice matters. Under current law, "[w]hen a complaint is made that a child is delinquent or in need of supervision, the child may be placed under informal supervision of a probation officer" under two circumstances: 1) the child voluntarily admits participation in the crime; and 2) the district attorney approves in writing the child's placement under informal supervision. *NRS 62C.200*. The bill lacks a clear standard to guide a court's decision in dismissing and referring a juvenile case. Additionally, it fails to establish adequate criteria for allowing juveniles who have committed serious offenses to qualify for informal supervision without the approval of the district attorney. It is important that there is at least some prosecutorial input in judicial proceedings related to juvenile criminal matters.

Because AB 88 would eliminate district attorney input in a wide range of criminal justice matters related to juveniles, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joe Lombardo', is written over the typed name and title below.

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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