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RE: Senate Bill 239 of the 82nd Legislative Session

Dear Leader Cannizzaro:

I am returning Senate Bill No. 239 to the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature without my approval, accompanied by my letters of objections.

Sincerely,

Joe Lombardo
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Dear Leader Cannizzaro:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Senate Bill 239 ("SB 239"), which is titled as follows:

> AN ACT relating to health care; revising provisions concerning medical certificates of death relating to a person who self-administers a medication that is designed to end his or her life; authorizing a physician or advanced practice registered nurse to prescribe a medication that is designed to end the life of a patient under certain circumstances; prohibiting persons other than a patient from administering a medication that is designed to end the life of the patient; imposing requirements on certain providers of health care and health care facilities relating to the records of a patient who requests a medication that is designed to end his or her life; providing immunity to certain providers of health care and health care facilities that take certain actions relating to prescribing or dispensing a medication that is designed to end the life of a patient; authorizing the owner or operator of a health care facility to prohibit certain persons from providing certain services relating to a medication that is designed to end the life of a patient; prohibiting a person from conditioning provisions of a will, contract, agreement or policy of life insurance on the request for or acquisition or administration of a medication that is designed to end the life of the person; prohibiting a person from denying benefits under a policy of life insurance to or imposing additional charge against a policyholder or beneficiary because the insured requested or revoked a request for a medication that is designed to end the life of the person; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 239 allows for physician assisted suicide in the State of Nevada. End of life decisions are never easy. Individuals and family members must often come together to face many challenges

– including deciding what is the best course of medical treatment for a loved one. Fortunately, expansions in palliative care services and continued improvements in advanced pain management make the end-of-life provisions in SB 239 unnecessary.

Given recent progress in science and medicine and the fact that only a small number of states and jurisdictions allow for similar end-of-life protocols, I am not comfortable supporting this bill.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it 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 Steve Yeager, Speaker of the Assembly (without enclosure)
The Honorable Francisco Aguilar, Secretary of State (without enclosure)
Brendan Bucy, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)
Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)
Brenda Erdoes, Esq., Legislative Counsel Bureau, Director (without enclosure)
Bryan Fernley, Esq., Legislative Counsel (without enclosure)