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Office of the Governor

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The Honorable Francisco Aguilar
Nevada Secretary of State
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Re: Senate Bill 350 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, Senate Bill 350 ("SB 350"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; extending the time for which a judgment of death must be executed; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

When a judge, after carefully weighing all the evidence and following a rigorous legal process, reaches the grave and solemn decision to impose the death penalty, pursuant to current governing statute, it becomes the state's duty to ensure that justice is carried out with integrity and respect for the rule of law. SB 350 is rooted in the undeniable reality that Nevada's current execution timelines are so restrictive that, in many cases, they make it virtually impossible for certain victims and their families to see the justice they were promised. That said, it is clear SB 350 will result in justice becoming even more elusive for victims and their families. This concern is only heightened by the fact that the bill's proponents have acknowledged that the extended timeframes it provides would likely be used to file additional, untimely petitions, appeals, or writs challenging the conviction or sentence — even in cases where those issues have already been fully litigated and resolved, often over the course of decades, before a second death warrant is issued.

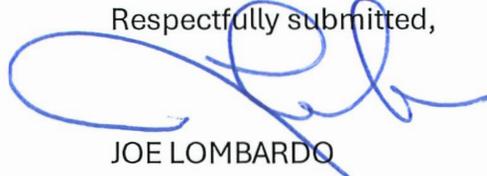
Since rather than promoting fairness or finality, SB 350 threatens to undermine the very foundation of justice by creating endless delays that retraumatize victims' families and erode public confidence in our legal system, I cannot support it.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you 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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