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To the members of the assembly committee and others present. Please accept my apology for not being present. I had every intention of presenting this to you personally but because of a health problem that resulted in my hospitalization I am unable to do so. Please give my comments consideration as I believe wholeheartedly in this bill.

Cindy Nixon.

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DATE: 3/7/02 ROOM: 3143 EXHIBIT E
SUBMITTED BY: Nancy Black

To the honored members of the assembly.

From Cindy Nixon
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Re; AB219

I believe that assembly bill AB219 is an excellent idea. It would be the first step in a progressive move to centrally locate some of Nevada's State agencies. It would have a positive effect on Nevada by involving more people in the workings of their state government, sometimes we feel as if we have been left out in the rural areas. It would have a very positive effect on the rural communities selected for various offices. Our rural communities offer affordable office space with the asset of no parking or traffic problems. We have no restrictions on growth that is being experienced in the Carson area..

I know that in the past it has been considered prudent to have all the state agencies offices located within close proximity to each other. This has been a benefit to the communication necessity existing between the agencies, but in today's world of technology to relocate some of our states agency offices would pose no difficulty in maintaining that close connection. In addition to very reasonable real estate costs for the offices themselves, our rural communities offer very affordable housing opportunities. If the employees affected chose to rent or purchase property you will find that is very affordable compared to the metropolitan areas in the state.

Small town living is in theory a wonderful way to bring up families and experience the quality of life. Although in the present time it is a sad fact that in many of Nevada's small towns and counties just surviving and existing is becoming increasingly difficult and nearly impossible in some cases.

According to the 2000 censuses 14% of Nevada residents live in or around Nevada's rural communities. We have a huge area that is virtually untapped. Some of us live there and would welcome the opportunity to prosper where we live, and to draw more business and industry to help local economies. Yes it will mean that people will have to travel to visit different agencies rather than a few traveling into the cities from the rural areas but this has a positive effect on both rural and metro areas. The benefits to the cities are less traffic and parking congestion which can be an undeniable problem in the Carson area. The buildings vacated will no doubt be immediately occupied by private enterprise. The benefits to our rural communities are employment opportunities both in the government and private enterprise. It would provide a base for more growth in various ways , our schools will be eligible with increased enrolment for more monies and grants to educate our children with.

In summary, I believe this bill, AB219, is vital to the survival of some our states rural areas for the reasons I stated above. Also in today's growing threat of terrorist activity I believe that decentralizing the states agencies would be advantageous and to conduct a survey to

determine the feasibility of the relocation would be very prudent.

Scheduling of the state agency's personnel can be managed in such a way as to prevent some of the traveling needs of department heads and directors for training, seminars, or teaching. Lets face it , someone is going to have to travel regardless where agency offices are located. I believe that this bill is a opportunity to diversify the entire state equalizing the growth state wide and helping with the problems that some of the metropolitan areas are having. Please enact AB219 for the prosperity of the entire state of Nevada. I will be happy to serve any way possible to promote, study and work for this bill.

Thank you for your time

Cindy Nixon