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February 26, 2003

Mr. Bernie Anderson, Chair  
Assembly Judiciary Committee members  
Legislative Building  
Carson City, NV 89701  
HAND DELIVERED

Re.: AB 500

Dear Assemblyman Anderson:

On behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada, I am writing to you and the members of the Assembly Judiciary Committee to express the ACLU's support for a bill to commission further studies and ongoing data collection on the issue of racial profiling. Any initiative that failed to include a mandate for data collection would jeopardize the effort being made by the Legislature to explore the prevalence of racially biased policing in a meaningful way or to assess the effectiveness of any measure that might be adopted to deal with it.

Further, we, at the ACLU, strongly believe that

- 1) Data collected in response to the proposed bill should include officer identifier information and specific time and location of stops. The inclusion of this information, which will permit a more accurate and thorough analysis of data, has been recommended by national police organizations such as the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), because it permits to survey actual traffic flows at particular locations and allows the determination of accurate base lines or benchmarks against which to compare data. It would also prevent certain profiling patterns from being masked behind otherwise more vague or generalized information.
- 2) Data collected should include pedestrian stop information as well, as racial profiling is unfortunately not limited to vehicular stops.
- 3) Data collected should be subject to independent oversight by qualified racial profiling experts.
- 4) Proposed bill should, in our view, include a mandate for in-house police training programs by accredited experts that include a racial profiling component.

We appreciate your commitment to confront this most complex issue and urge you to give serious consideration to the above points.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Laura Mijanovich", is written over a horizontal line.

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American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY  
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