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To: Nevada Commerce Committee

From: John Rapanos

Subject: SB 22

Ladies and Gentlemen: My name is John Rapanos, I live at 6280 Arcadia Ave., Las Vegas. I worked for Clark County Parks and Recreation Department for 26 years, I am now retired. During 10 of those years I was involved in Parks Construction and Renovation.

During that time we did bathroom renovations and other ADA-compliant work. Therefore I have some knowledge in this area.

The purpose of the following information is to show you how much the changes in this law would hurt the small business owner, especially considering the condition of our state's economy at the present time.

The following information is from the R-S Means Repair and Remodeling Costs Book, 2003 Edition.

The approximate costs to convert an older 2-fixture bathroom to an ADA-compliant bathroom could be from \$5,000 - \$10,000. This would include toilets, and lavatories, stall doors, partitions and hardware. Any engineering prep work that needed to be done would be extra. This does not include the entry door or any wall renovations that may be needed. The ADA says that under title 2 - reasonable accommodations must be made. Major renovations do not have to be done to comply with the code. But as you can see, reasonable accommodations can be quite expensive especially for one struggling to get started or to survive.

My father immigrated to this country from Greece as a young man, then at the age of 21 he started his first restaurant. He had several restaurants after that with usually 12 - 15 employees in each one. I believe that if he would have had to comply with the many restrictions of today, he may not have been able to succeed. I am requesting that the law be left as it is. The structure of current law gives a boost to small businesses so they have the opportunity to grow into larger businesses.

The next Bally's, MGM, or Circus Circus could be a present-day business with 5 employees. Thank You Very Much