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The Honorable Jason Frierson
Speaker of the Nevada State Assembly
Nevada Legislature
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 101 of the 79th Legislative Session

Dear Speaker Frierson:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 101 ("AB 101"), which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to wildlife; requiring the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish policies for the conservation of certain wildlife; revising the authorized uses of the fees for the processing of an application for a game tag; requiring the Commission to establish policies for certain programs, activities and research relating to predatory wildlife; requiring the Department of Wildlife to submit a report on certain programs, activities, and research relating to predatory wildlife; and providing other matters properly related thereto.

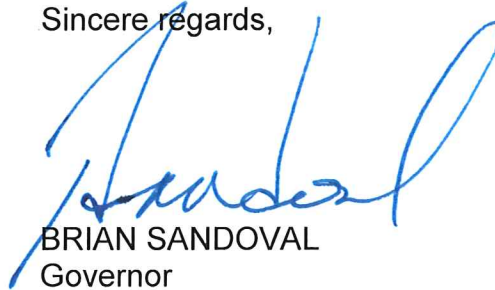
AB 101 purportedly furthers an important objective, namely the conservation of Nevada's fish and wildlife species and their habitat. There can be no question regarding the vital importance of protecting Nevada's animal populations. This is why my administration introduced Assembly Bill 82 during the 2015 Legislative Session, which expanded the permissible uses of all funds deposited to the Wildlife Account to include "the protection, propagation, and management of wildlife." (NRS 501.356 (4)(a)). Nevada must effectively conserve, protect, and manage its wildlife.

AB 101 further expands the permissible uses of Wildlife Account Funds generated by the sale of game tag fees. While attempts to enhance wildlife conservation efforts should be applauded, there appears to be no clear justification for the revisions proposed through this legislation, which was opposed by legislators from both political parties. Furthermore, it is far from clear that the revisions proposed by AB 101 will result in any meaningful

improvements upon current methods and policies for managing or protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat in our state.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it without my signature or approval.

Sincere regards,



BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

Enclosure

cc: *The Honorable Mark Hutchison, President of the Senate (without enclosure)*
 The Honorable Aaron Ford, Senate Majority Leader (without enclosure)
 The Honorable Barbara Cegavske, Nevada Secretary of State (without enclosure)
 Claire J. Clift, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)
 Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)
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