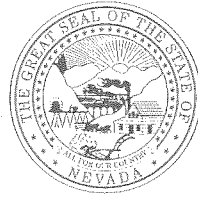


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May 30, 2017

The Honorable Jason Frierson
Speaker of the Nevada State Assembly
The Nevada Legislature
401 South Carson Street
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RE: Assembly Bill 427 of the 79th Legislative Session

Dear Speaker Frierson:

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Assembly Bill 427 ("AB 427"), which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to public assistance; revising provisions relating to eligibility of certain convicted persons for public assistance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

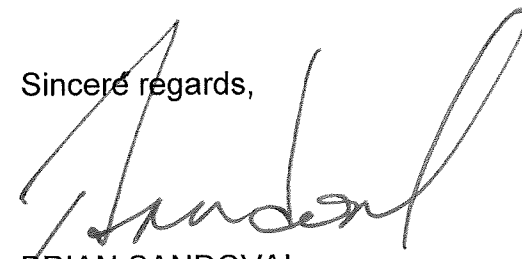
Nevada law strikes an important and careful balance between the nutritional and financial needs of certain felony drug offenders and the public policy of ensuring that these individuals seek and receive drug treatment and are no longer possessing, using, or distributing controlled substances.

Under existing law, persons with felony convictions associated with the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance may be eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF") and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") if, among other requirements, he or she is participating in or has successfully completed a drug treatment program. A person is also required to demonstrate that he or she has not possessed, used, or distributed a controlled substance since that person began a drug treatment program.

AB 427 eliminates the drug treatment component, allowing felony drug offenders to access these public benefits without participating in or completing a drug program. This is a substantial change in public policy that I cannot support because it removes important tools and incentives for drug offenders to receive necessary treatment for addiction and rebuild their lives.

For these reasons I veto AB427 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)
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Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)
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