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Office of the Governor

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The Honorable Nicole Cannizzaro
Majority Leader of the Nevada State Senate
Nevada Legislature
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Re: Senate Bill 210 of the 82nd Legislative Session

Dear Leader Cannizzaro:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Senate Bill 210 ("SB 210"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to governmental administration; declaring that the public policy of the State of Nevada includes that persons appointed to certain public bodies by the Governor should reflect the diversity of the State; requiring certain public bodies to submit lists of qualified persons to the Governor to fill vacancies on a board, commission or similar body within 60 days after the vacancy occurs; revising the manner in which the Chair and Vice Chair of the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission are selected; modifying reporting requirements by certain licensing boards and other regulatory bodies concerning the criminal histories of certain applicants; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 210 is well-intentioned in that it aims for all our state's boards and commissions to have a diverse make-up which represents the diversity of the State. It is invaluable to have a diverse blend of backgrounds and viewpoints on these boards and commissions.

However, SB 210's mandate is overly restrictive on the Executive Branch's ability to appoint board and commission members at its discretion. There are long-standing vacancies on many boards and commissions. The Executive Branch should not have any greater limitations in appointing members to those agencies so that those agencies can continue to effectively, and quickly, serve the people of the State of Nevada.

In short, SB 210 is a direct encroachment on the Executive Branch's authority to appoint members to boards and commissions as it sees fit. As such, I cannot support it.

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

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Respectfully submitted,



JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Stavros S. Anthony, President of the Senate (without enclosure)
The Honorable Steve Yeager, Speaker of the Assembly (without enclosure)
Brendan Bucy, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)
Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)
Brenda Erdoes, Esq., Legislative Counsel (without enclosure)