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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 299 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 299 ("SB 299"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to public works; eliminating certain exemptions from prevailing wage requirements relating to railroad companies or monorails; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 299 is admirably intended at ensuring certain of those employed on public works projects are paid a sufficient wage for their labor. However, though this bill includes a provision to require such wages on Railroad projects, this provision will be irrelevant to Railroads since Railroad entities are already regulated—and required to pay prevailing wages—by the Federal Railroad Administration. As such, this bill's burden will primarily fall on a few parties seeking to develop new, innovative monorail projects in our State.

Since this bill is aimed at increasing construction related costs and burdens for those seeking to develop infrastructure in Nevada, 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 Anthony, President of the Senate (without enclosure)
The Honorable Steve Yeager, Speaker of the Assembly (without enclosure)
The Honorable Francisco Aguilar, Secretary of State (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)