TO: Assembly Committee on Education
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RE: **NSHE Presentation on Safety at the Nevada System of Higher Education**

ADDENDUM to February 25, 2025 PUBLIC COMMENT—INFRASTRUCTURE:

Context:

Following the December 6, 2023 mass shooting on the UNLV campus, which murdered three faculty members and wounded another, the NSHE Chancellor formed an Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Safety and Security to recommend responses: short-term, mid-term, and long-term. The Ad Hoc Committee reviewed and consulted with responses to campus shooting incidents that led to fatalities at Michigan State University in February, 2023; an After Action Report prepared by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in response to a campus shooting and murder of a faculty member in August, 2023; and some active assailant and emergency preparedness measures at the University of Arizona and other universities. Discussions and recommendations by the Ad Hoc Committee which is now a permanent Safety and Security Committee reporting to the Board of Regents are still ongoing. Among early infrastructure improvements discussed:

1 – replacement of all classroom and public space doors with doors that can lock from the inside (as soon as feasible); (Note: UNR has these, mostly; other campuses vary, the North with more upgraded safety infrastructure than the South);
2 – new emergency response videos specific to different campus environments (as at Michigan State University). (Note: each campus currently uses varying generic videos, not specific to their campus environments);
3 - a new more centralized communications system for Southern Command police, also one that better coordinates with Las Vegas Metro (improved communications are needed to correct deficiencies and confusion reported after the Dec. 6th mass shooting at UNLV);
4 – increased numbers of campus police officers (for added security, so no campus will be left under-secured, as happened at CSN and NSU on December 6th) ;
5 – installation of improved surveillance cameras arrays on all campuses, with North and South centralized monitoring stations;
6 – new technology AI systems installed on all campuses that can detect openly carried firearms;
7 – improved emergency alert software coordinated statewide to improve accuracy of public and campus information and installed for all students, faculty, professionals and staff.