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April 29, 2021

Nevada Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections  
C/O Chair Assemblywoman Miller  
401 S Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

**Re: Public Comment for April 29, 2021: SJR7: Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to remove the constitutional provisions governing the election and duties of the Board of Regents of the State University and to authorize the Legislature to provide by statute for the governance of the State University and for the auditing of public institutions of higher education in this State. (BDR C-944)**

Hello and thank you Committee Chairwoman Miller, and committee members. My name is Hawah Ahmad and I am here representing the Clark County Education Association.

The Clark County Education Association is the official bargaining partner for the Clark County School District, representing the 18,000 licensed professionals who recently celebrated one year of distance learning. CCEA engages and promotes bipartisan advocacy for the advancement of educational policy in Clark County and the State of Nevada.

CCEA supports Senate Joint Resolution 7, which will provide transparency and accountability to Nevada's System of Higher Education. In 2020, CCEA supported this resolution in the form of Ballot Question 1, and we wholeheartedly believe the voters deserve the opportunity to vote on this measure with simplified, easy to understand language.

CCEA supports this resolution because we believe that the K through 20 education delivery system in Nevada needs to be well funded with sufficient transparency and accountability measures to reach the goal of economic diversification in the State of Nevada. We know the key to economic diversification and workforce development lies in agility of program development and an abundance of resources to provide our students with a quality education. This is just one step in many that will help ensure the \$1 Billion dollars spent biennially on higher education is strategically spent to improve student outcomes. It is time we put student achievement first. CCEA thanks this committee and urges you to vote yes on SJR 7.

Respectfully,

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