

I am writing to support the adoption of AB217, the bill to include homeless youth in the protected groups (foster youth, indigenous youth) to facilitate their access to higher education in Nevada.

As the former founding director of the statewide office for homeless youth education I can think of no better way to break the cycle of poverty than to provide access to higher education. So often it is what enables a young person to move beyond homelessness and begin to reclaim their dignity.

This will allow further access to employment, housing, and family stability.

I strongly encourage you to act positively on this bill.

Thank you.

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