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February 26, 2003

**RE: AB48** 

To the members of the Assembly Commerce Committee:

Good Afternoon Assemblyman Goldwater and members of the committee:

For the record my name is Janice Gunderson. I am a Social Work Intern from the University of Nevada, Reno representing the National Association of Social Workers and Nevada Women's Lobby. I am also Vice President of the Reno Chapter of LULAC, The League of United Latin American Citizens.

I am here today to formally state that the organizations I represent are in favor of A.B. 48. We believe that all workers deserve recognition and the benefits offered by the companies they serve. To deny workers benefits based on their immigrant status is a type of discrimination. When an employer hires a worker, it doesn't mean the employer is entitled to abuse the rights of the worker whether or not the worker was hired legally. Please support A.B. 48.

Thank you

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## League of United Latin American Citizens

With approximately 115,000 members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, LULAC is the largest and oldest Hispanic Organization in the United States. LULAC advances the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of Hispanic Americans through community-based programs operating at more than 600 LULAC councils nationwide. The organization involves and serves all Hispanic nationality groups.

Historically, LULAC has focused heavily on education, civil rights, and employment for Hispanics. LULAC councils provide more than half a million dollars in scholarships to Hispanic students each year, conduct citizenship and voter registration drives, develop low income housing units, conduct youth leadership training programs, and seek to empower the Hispanic community at the local, state and national level.

In addition, the LULAC National Educational Service Centers, LULAC's educational arm, provides counseling services to more than 18,000 Hispanic students per year at sixteen regional centers. SER Jobs for Progress, LULAC's employment arm, provides job skills and literacy training to the Hispanic community through more than forty-eight employment training centers located throughout the United States. The LULAC Corporate Alliance, an advisory board of Fortune 500 companies, fosters stronger partnerships between Corporate America and the Hispanic community.

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