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Assemblyman Morse Arberry
Chairman, Assembly Ways and Means Committee
Nevada State Legislature
401 S. Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Re: AB 440

Dear Chairman Arberry and Committee members:

The Attorney General's Office supports AB 440 because it provides valuable funding to train state welfare workers on domestic violence issues and resources. A significant number of applicants for welfare assistance are victims of domestic violence. It is critical for case workers to be familiar with the challenges facing these victims and the services available for their support. Two sessions ago, a similar bill provided the funds needed to develop an appropriate training curriculum and conduct actual training of case workers. Those funds were allocated to the Attorney General's Office for pass-through to the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence, the statewide coalition of domestic violence service providers. With staff turnover and limited resources in the Welfare Division, funding for ongoing training is extremely worthwhile.

We would appreciate your favorable consideration of this bill. If you have any questions, please contact me at any time.

Sincere regards,

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