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Senate Bill 62

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Dear Committee Members,

SB62 improves access to textbooks for college students with print-disabilities in Nevada, and, if properly implemented, will cost very little. As the Supervisor for the Alternate Text Production Center of the California Community Colleges [ATPC], I obtain electronic text from publishers under the auspices of California law AB422, which went in to effect January 1, 2000. Learn more about us at www.atpcnet.net.

I can tell you from experience that this is not about fancy technology - you already have everything you need to get started. It's about communication, collaboration, and cooperation, more than cash. The ATPC has built relationships with our customers, the 108 California Community Colleges, and with publishers large and small. We have worked hard to make our law effective for our students.

Nevada has an opportunity to improve on the California experience, and my reading of SB62 gives me hope that it will. The ATPC will be happy to offer communication, collaboration, and cooperation to Nevada if it should decide to enact this legislation (At the present time, we can't help with the cash). Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best of luck,

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