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**SENATE BILL 267
POSITION: SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Amodei

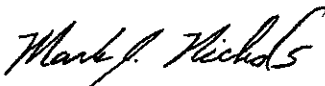
The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) – Nevada Chapter supports SB267, the Nevada Open bill that will OPEN BIRTH AND ADOPTION RECORDS TO ADULT ADOPTEES. **NASW-Nevada encourages members of the Senate Judiciary Committee to vote "YES on SB 267."**

NASW has a national policy statement on Foster Care and Adoption. Here is quote from that statement:

"The need and right of adoptees to know their birth origin should be recognized and respected. This right extends to requests by adult adoptees for identifying information. If a reunion is requested by a birth relative, the service providers should attempt to provide counseling and intermediary services, being fully cognizant of the sensitivities of all parties involved. Both adoptive parents and birth parents should be informed of the limits of confidentiality." *Policy Statement approved by the NASW Delegate Committee, November 1987, and reconfirmed by the Delegate Committee, August 1993. Social Work Speaks, p. 131*

Please include this letter of support in the public record during the committee hearing.

Sincerely;



Executive Director

Cc: Honorable Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee
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