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State of Nevada Senate

Memorandum

Date: February 15, 2007

To: Chair Mark Amodei and Members of the Senate Committee on
Judiciary

From: Senator Valerie Wiener

Subject: SB 57---Requires the parent of a child who is the victim of a sexual offense to give written consent before the name of the child may be released to the school.

For your information, I have attached the following:

- Letter in support of SB 57 from Michael J. Pomi, President, Nevada Association of Juvenile Justice Administrators.
- Letter in support of SB 57 from Cherylyn K. Townsend, Director, Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services.

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February 13, 2007

Chair Mark Amodei and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

RE: Senate Bill 57 response

Dear Senators,

On behalf of the Nevada Association of Juvenile Justice Administrators, I am writing to you in support of the passage of Senate Bill 57. The Nevada Association of Juvenile Justice Administrators is in support of this Bill for the protection of victims of sexual abuse. If the parent or guardian does not consent, in writing, to include the name of the victim in the notification, the identity of the victim should remain confidential, in our opinion. If SB 57 passes, the Court or the Juvenile Probation Department could put into effect measures that would assure that the offender does not attend the same school as the victim, which is the current intent of NRS 62F.120.

Should you have further questions regarding our support of SB 57, please feel free to contact me at 325-7818.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Pomi".

Michael J. Pomi, President
Nevada Association of Juvenile Justice Administrators



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February 12, 2007

Chairman Mark E. Amodei and Members
Senate Judiciary Committee
Nevada Senate
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Sent via facsimile to 775-684-6500

Subject: Senate Bill 57

Dear Chairman Amodei and Members of the Senate Judiciary,

This letter is being submitted in support of Senate Bill 57. Currently statute requires notification to schools of the name of both a juvenile who has been adjudicated delinquent for a sexual offense or sexually motivated act and the name of the victim of this offense.

I understand that the reason for the current notification requirements is to insure that a safety plan is in place for the victim and that further victimization will not occur inadvertently by placement in the same classes, etc. Despite good intentions, it is possible that a victim of a sexual offense may view the release of their name in the notification as further victimization. This can be avoided and the victim will be better protected if the parent or guardian of the victim consents, in writing, to the inclusion of their name in the notification.

Thank you for considering my input regarding Senate Bill 57.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cheryl K. Townsend".
Cheryl K. Townsend
Director

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