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Chairwoman Brittney Miller

Interim Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting
401 S Carson St
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Subject: Nevadans Count - Representation of Our Diverse Population

Dear Chairwoman Miller and Committee members:

The 2020 Census Data showed how the U.S. population has changed over the last decade and that Black, Indigenous, and People of Color drove that change. This was especially true in Nevada as we are now the third most diverse state in the nation.

Looking at the Silver State, we can see that the highest concentration of growth is in Clark County. Since 1980, Nevada has gained three additional seats in Congress. However, the Nevada Legislature has not increased in size since after the 1980 decennial census. In this time, the population has increased from 800,493, in 1980, to over 3.1 million Nevadans today. Our communities have grown so much over the last four decades, we need diverse representatives who reflect our growth and better serve their needs.

Another important note is that ten years ago, the legislature did not host a meeting with tribal governments. It would be advisable for this committee to consult with tribal leaders like those at the Walker River Paiute Reservation, because presently the reservation is split between two assembly and two state senate districts.

We strongly encourage this committee to host a meeting with tribal communities. We have consulted with tribal chairwoman Amber Torres of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, and they would welcome the committee chair and members to host a meeting on their reservation.

PLAN will continue to monitor the redistricting process to ensure this committee and the Nevada legislature keep communities together so they receive fair and adequate representation.

Thank you for your consideration,

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