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**Chairwoman Brittney Miller**

Interim Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting  
401 S Carson St  
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Subject: Nevadans Count - Considering the LGBTQ+ Community

Dear Chairwoman Miller and Committee members:

During the Clark County redistricting meeting on October 4, 2021, it was stated that there was a high concentration of “gay” people living in District G. This left us confused and perplexed. We know that Nevada is above the national percent of same-sex couple households, compared to the national percent, but without specific local level data that also includes people who are LGBTQ+, but who are not in a sam-sex couple, we simply don't know where a remarkable number of folks live. Without knowing what data were used to determine that District G has a high concentration of people from the LGBTQ+ community, we cannot attest to the accuracy of this statement.

Based on our work and experiences dedicated to LGBTQ+ communities, we are unaware of any such existing, localized data. In the interim, we have reached out to The Williams Institute, which is the leading research center on sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy, which ensures that facts, and not stereotypes, inform laws and policies that affect the LGBTQ+ community, to verify the claims.

While this committee will be considering statewide legislative districts, nearly 75% of the state's population resides in Clark County. We acknowledge that this committee is a different entity and has a different process from Clark County; however, we are concerned on how LGBTQ+ Nevadans will be considered across the state, if the state's largest county is making assumptions about a community of interest. We also inquire what efforts will be made to engage LGBTQ+ Nevadans in the creation of the proposed maps aside from public meetings.

Thank you for your consideration,

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