NEVADANS COUNT

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Chairwoman Brittney Miller
Interim Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting
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Subject: Nevadans Count - Implementation of AB450

Dear Chairwoman Miller and Committee Members:

My name is Noé Orosco and I am the Census and Redistricting Coordinator at Silver State Voices. I am writing to you on behalf of the *Nevadans Count*[1] coalition.

During the 80th Legislative Session, Silver State Voices co-presented AB450, which would reallocate incarcerated people from where they are incarcerated to their home communities. The Legislature approved this measure, and at the time made Nevada one of only nine states to get rid of this practice known as "prison gerrymandering."

Since January, I have been in communication with our state demographers and the Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) to better understand how the Legislature would implement AB450. Both the state demographers and the LCB have been very helpful, and I'd like to commend them for all their help.

Unfortunately, that's where the help ends. Since March, with the help of the ACLU of Nevada, I've been asking the state demographer, LCB, and the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) for:
- The process by which the NDOC compiles the last known residential address of each incarcerated person, including the timeline for compiling the data.
- The process NDOC follows if it cannot find the last known residential address of an inmate.
- The process NDOC follows to verify the accuracy of this data.

At the beginning of September, the LCB was able to provide me with a summary of how many incarcerated people are out of state, have an in-state address, or do not have an address on file. The summary confirmed what I feared. The NDOC does not have the address for one-third of incarcerated records they provided. Further, of the 12,214, NDOC provided, only 6,275 individuals (or 51.4%) would be reallocated. I'd like to reiterate that this is not the entire incarcerated population, rather it is what NDOC was able to provide the demographer.

This is deeply concerning to the Nevadans Count coalition, because we have been trying to find out how NDOC would collect information since March. And to date, we have not received a response from NDOC.

I understand we are in a shortened timeline for redistricting, however, there is still time to ensure the intent of AB450 is fully implemented. I no longer am asking, or encouraging, I'm imploring you to look into this. If we don't get it right now, we will not have another opportunity for another decade.

Below are 13 letters highlighting the growth and diversity of our great state, and the need to consider this when developing and approving redistricting maps.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Thank you,

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[1]*Nevadans Count,* a project of Silver State Voices, is a coalition of 22 community-based organizations, was created to help raise awareness and provide updates about the 2020 Census to Nevadans. Nevadans Count also identified the redistricting process as a key priority. Nevadans Count believes that our democracy works best and its outcomes are most just when the voices of ALL Nevadans are heard. The members are:

Asian Community Development Council (ACDC)	Chispa Nevada
American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada (ACLUNV)	Make It Work Nevada Education Fund (MIWNV)
Children's Advocacy Alliance	Make the Road Nevada (MRNV)
Culinary Union, Local 226	Mi Familia Vota Education Fund (MFVEF)
Faith in Action Nevada	National Domestic Workers Alliance (NDWA)
Faith Organizing Alliance (FOA)	Native Voters Alliance - Nevada
For Our Future Education Fund (FOF)	Nevada Conservation League Education Fund (NCL)
Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRC)	Planned Parenthood Rocky Mountains
Institute for a Progressive Nevada (IPN)	Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada (PLAN)
Las Vegas Indian Center (LVIC)	Silver State Equality Institute (SSE)