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Chairwoman Brittney Miller

Interim Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting
401 S Carson St
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Subject: Nevadans Count - Black Population Growth

Dear Chairwoman Miller and Committee members:

It was mentioned earlier that Nevada is the 3rd most diverse state in the nation, it ranks 4th in the nation with respect to the Asian share of the population, and 5th in the nation with respect to the Latinx share of the population. Less known, but equally important is that Nevadans that identify as Black, either alone or as part of a multi-racial identity, increased to over 375,000, an increase of nearly 50%.

The guidelines this committee will propose and the maps the legislature will draw in the upcoming special legislative session will be the foundation of access to electoral power and to the right to vote for candidates of choice for federal and state governing bodies.

It cannot be overstated that the legislature should consider and propose only those maps that adequately represent the diversity of Nevada. Make It Work Nevada recommends prioritizing public involvement and transparency throughout the process so that all Nevadans have the chance to participate

Madam Chair and committee members, today's meeting takes the first step towards fulfilling the obligation to create meaningful opportunities for public engagement in the redistricting process. We hope this continues into the special session. Make It Work looks forward to monitoring this process to ensure our communities are kept together.

Thank you for your consideration,

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