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The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto United States Senate 313 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510-0001

The Honorable Jacky Rosen United States Senate 713 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510-0001

The Honorable Mark E. Amodei United States House of Representatives 104 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515-0001

Re: Broadband Funding Support

The Honorable Dina Titus United States House of Representatives 2464 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515-0001

The Honorable Susie Lee United States House of Representatives 365 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515-0001

The Honorable Steven Horsford United States House of Representatives 562 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515-0001

Dear Senator Cortez Masto, Senator Rosen, Congressman Amodei, Congresswoman Titus, Congressman Horsford, and Congresswoman Lee:

The <u>Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education</u> (COE) spent a significant amount of time during the 2021–2022 Interim considering recommendations made by a variety of stakeholders to positively impact education in Nevada. One recommendation provided to the COE concerned broadband capabilities and problems in the state.

During its meeting on <u>February 16, 2022</u>, the COE heard testimony regarding broadband limitations in Nevada. This testimony indicated that as of July 2020, as many as 40 percent of Nevada's students may require assistance to gain adequate Internet services. Following this testimony, during the COE's work session on <u>August 30, 2022</u>, the members unanimously agreed that broadband support should be a priority item for federal consideration. Therefore, as Chair of the COE, I am reaching out to respectfully request consideration of additional federal funding support for broadband programs to support remote student learning.

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Thank you for considering the COE's recommendation. Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact the Committee's policy analysts, Jen Sturm, Jennifer Ruedy, or Alex Drozdoff at (775) 684-6825 or by email (jen.sturm@lcb.state.nv.us; JRuedy@lcb.state.nv.us; or Alex.Drozdoff@lcb.state.nv.us).

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