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Assembly Speaker Jason Frierson
Nevada State Assembly
401 S. Carson Street,
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Dear Speaker Frierson and members of the Nevada Assembly,

Thank you for your consideration of this letter on Senate Bill 4. The Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) opposes SB4, as amended. We request the inclusion of school districts in the liability protections, as provided to other government entities, businesses and non-profits in Nevada.

Liability protections provides school districts with the support needed to reopen if and when they choose to do so. Across the state, our school board trustees have provided thoughtful consideration to the health and safety of our employees and students. All decisions made by school boards have implemented the health and safety standards from law, regulation and ordinance at the federal, state and local levels. Our top priority is the safety of our students, employees and their families.

School districts should not be held liable for the actions taken outside of the school district and off district premises. We are confident that the decisions our board members make follow all compliance measures. If employees and students choose not to follow health and safety standards outside of school, the district shouldn't be at fault for their actions. The potential lawsuits will be costly and put school districts in a financial risk at a time where our budgets are being reduced and expenses are increasing.

We are not asking for any special protections beyond those provided to others in SB4. We understand that it is our duty to provide safe learning and working environments for students and employees. School districts and trustees take that task very seriously and have implemented necessary protections. School districts should be treated the same as all other

government entities. As school districts decide how to best proceed for their community, liability protections acknowledge the hard work of our district staff and board members to implement all controlling health standards.

Again, we thank you for your consideration of this letter and SB4. We understand the difficult decisions that you all have made during this special session and the last. We appreciate your diligence to protect Nevadans. Please consider protecting school districts and amending SB4 for their inclusion.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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