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TO: The Honorable Becky Harris and Members of the Senate Education Committee

RE: **AB 178– Oppose unless Amended**

Dear Chairwoman Harris and Senate Education Committee Members,

On behalf of the 24,000 teacher and education support professional members of the Nevada State Education Association, we respectfully express opposition to Assembly Bill 178 unless amended to provide for a corrective behavior plan for pupils under certain circumstances.

NSEA is concerned that AB 178 would allow students with four previous suspensions or who commit infractions that warrant being deemed a habitual discipline problem, to be returned to the classroom without having a plan to normalize their behavior and being ready to learn with their fellow students.

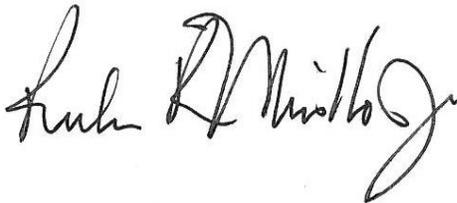
NSEA requests that the committee amend the bill to specify that in instances where a pupil has been suspended four previous times or a school administrator decides not to suspend or expel a pupil being considered as a habitual discipline problem, a corrective behavior plan be developed in conjunction with each teacher assigned to the student prior to the student being returned to class.

Under existing discipline laws, students who commit recurring discipline infractions and are removed from class are too often returned to the classroom without corrective behavior being assured.

Students and teachers deserve a safe and supportive learning environment. Teachers are responsible for delivering instruction under specified time constraints and often times with large class sizes that can make it more difficult to maintain student discipline.

NSEA requests you address this issue by amending AB 178 to include a corrective behavior plan as specified in the NSEA proposed amendments or vote no on the bill.

Sincerely,



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