



April 28, 2015

Senate Education Committee, Nevada Legislature, 78th Session (2015)

RE Testimony in support of AB166

Dear Chairwoman Harris and members of the Committee:

On behalf of the membership of the Latino Leadership Council, we are in support of AB166.

This bill offers Nevada the opportunity to develop quality bilingual education programs throughout the state. Our children, regardless of background, need more than one language to compete in a global environment, in which most children from Asia and Europe are bilingual and even trilingual.

Moreover, many researchers have concluded that for ELL children bilingual education offers the best education methodology.

Nevada has only a handful of quality bilingual programs. This bill will help to encourage a more modern approach to instruction of languages in Nevada's schools.

We fully support AB166.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Agui R. Lopez".

Chair Education Committee

Cc: LLC Education Committee members

The Latino Leadership Council is a community group based in Southern Nevada focused on policy advocacy for the benefit of Latino and other historically underrepresented communities. Leaders from more than 30 organizations comprise the LLC education committee: Latin Chamber of Commerce, *Las Mujeres*, Project 51, NSEA, CCEA, *Mi Familia Vota*, Hispanics in Politics, PALO - Political Advancement of Latinos Organization, and Hispanic Educators Association of Nevada.