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Nevada State Legislature  
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Dear Members of the Nevada Legislature,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 181 which would allow regional economic development authorities greater ability to recruit strategic businesses to Nevada. Nevada needs to be responsive and competitive in its ability to bring high paying jobs.

As Secretary of State in charge of Nevada business portal, and as a board member of the Governor's Office of Economic Development, my role is to promote a robust, diversified and prosperous economy in Nevada. As our economy continues to grow, we need to take steps to ensure that our processes are accessible and there are opportunities for small and large business owners. We can do this by supporting business expansion and retention, encouraging entrepreneurship and attracting new businesses.

When we can attract businesses that offer quality career opportunities for Nevadans, we simultaneously generate out-of-market tax revenue that contributes to our community through foundational government programs for education, health care, public safety and more. The need for growth and access to opportunity for Nevadans requires us to think competitively and take advantage of sensible proposals like Senate Bill 181.

The ability to update our approval process to meet the needs of our state and drastically reduce the application approval timeframe will enable smaller, yet still significant, projects to come to Nevada – while not jeopardizing our process or state legislated metrics these businesses must meet. That's why I support Senate Bill 181 and strongly encourage this body to move this legislation forward.

Thank you,

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