



May 4, 2023

Dear Members of the Assembly Committee on Revenue,

I am writing on behalf of the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada in support of SB394 to limit the amount of abatements that the Governor's Office of Economic Development can approve.

Nevada continues to give away money in abatements for aviation, data centers, capital investments, and groups like Tesla and the Las Vegas Raiders Stadium.¹ In fiscal year 2022, Nevada counties lost approximately \$8 million in consolidated taxes, \$50 million in school support taxes, and \$17 million in local options taxes due to abatements.² And this year another \$330 million was given away to Tesla without legislative oversight.³

Yet Nevada's students continue to suffer as a result of the state's tax structure as the state continues to rank at the bottom of public school systems in the nation.⁴ AB394 will allow the public's input to be taken into consideration and the legislature to truly debate the value of these abatements. We urge your support.

Sincerely,

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The Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada was founded in 1994 by Nevada activists to build a more fair and just Nevada that puts people and planet first. We organize with front line communities and directly impacted leaders for policy changes and community investments that improve the lives of Nevadans.

¹http://controller.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/controller.nv.gov/Content/FinRpts/GASB/2019_Local_Governments_Abatements_FY19_II.pdf

²<https://controller.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/controller2022.nv.gov/content/FinancialRpts/GASB/LocalGovtsAbatementsFY22.pdf>

³<https://apnews.com/article/tesla-elon-musk-nevada-lithium-a807b3d2895f46c7a3e141be8c1ba672>

⁴[https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/nevada/articles/2019-09-07/nevada-schools-bump-up-from-last-in-state-by-state-ranking#:~:text=LAS%20VEGAS%20\(AP\)%20%E2%80%94%20For,New%20Mexico%20now%20ranks%2051st](https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/nevada/articles/2019-09-07/nevada-schools-bump-up-from-last-in-state-by-state-ranking#:~:text=LAS%20VEGAS%20(AP)%20%E2%80%94%20For,New%20Mexico%20now%20ranks%2051st)